

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH—8:00 AM



## THE SEASON IS...

the Season after Pentecost—sometimes called Ordinary Time. This season begins after the feast of Pentecost and runs through to the first Sunday of Advent. The focus of the season is the daily Christian life — life lived in the light of the resurrection, in the faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. The liturgical color of the season is green.

**STEWARDSHIP**—Jesus says: “But who do you say that I am?” Your relationship with Jesus - personal or impersonal, constant presence in your life or “God, please help me just this one time, and I’ll never...”, savior and true friend or distant hazy religious figure – no doubt has a great deal to do with your life as a steward. Who do you say that He is? Wouldn’t your stewardship life be more meaningful if you could see Him as constant presence, true friend, and personal savior? He wants to be all of those things you know!

## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website ([trinityoldswedes.church](http://trinityoldswedes.church)). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching for @TrinityParishDE; and please tag us in your pictures using #TrinityParishDE.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like. **NOTE: Because our services are live streamed, we felt it prudent for security not to publish the last names of people on our prayer list.** If you would like a copy of those listed with their full names, please contact the parish office.

## IN PERSON WORSHIP

Masks are required in the church buildings. Also, please silence your cellphones. Please take your bulletin home with you.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector  
The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen—Associate Rector  
Stan Diver—Reader  
Martha Diver—Intercessor  
Betty White and Ava Vandergast—Altar Guild

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## The Word of God

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

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

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

*Gloria Spoken in unison.*

*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.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*  
The Word of the Lord.   ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 19** *Prayed in unison*

***The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.***

***One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.***

***Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,***

***Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.***

***In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.***

***It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.***

***The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.***

***The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.***

*The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

*By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

*Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

## **The Epistle**

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:  
The Word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*  
The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen

**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 of the People**

*Leader*

God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania; and in our own diocese we pray for Christ Church, Delaware City;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Kevin, our bishop, and for Patty and Charles, our priests;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Adam, Makia, Ed, Susan, Ann, Joe, Maria, Sarah, Andrea, Tom, Kim, John, Anne, Stephanie, Paul, and all those suffering from the coronavirus;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially David Canby;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Kathy, Willie, Alexander, and David & Ann.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## **The Collect for the Anniversary of 9/11/2001 from the Episcopal Diocese of New York**

*Celebrant*

O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the

rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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.

*Amen.*

**The Peace** *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*Celebrant*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*Psalms 96:8*

**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 God thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant Continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** *Spoken in unison.*

***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.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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.***

*Celebrant* 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. 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.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.***

### **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

The altar flowers are given in memory of Thomas and Brenda Drewry Fennell.

*Flowers arranged by Martha Diver*

### **Announcements**

**TODAY is our annual meeting** at 5:30 pm. A picnic will be held at Old Swedes, followed by the meeting. Please bring your own picnic dinner and a chair. Trinity will provide beverages and dessert. Information about the vestry nominees can be found on our website. Click on the Annual Meeting 2021 link on our homepage for more information.

**Adult Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church** will be offered on October 3 when Bishop Brown makes his visit to Trinity. If you were confirmed in another Christian tradition and would like to be formally received into our church by the bishop or if you would like to be confirmed, please email [charles@trinityparishde.org](mailto:charles@trinityparishde.org). The retreat is open to ANYONE who wishes to learn more about the Episcopal Church. Please RSVP directly to Charles at [charles@trinityparishde.org](mailto:charles@trinityparishde.org) by TODAY. We will have a Saturday retreat on September 25 at Trinity at 10 am as a time of fellowship, prayer, and learning. **Sunday,**

**Confirmations** are set for Sunday, October 3, 2021 during Bishop Brown's visit to Trinity.

**The Monday Bible study at noon returns via Zoom on September 13th.** Please join the discussion as we return to our weekly Bible study program. We will be starting with the Revelation to John. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact the parish office to be added to the list. This is an online only meeting. The Zoom information is sent every Monday morning to those participating. We look forward to seeing you online!

**Please join us at the Festival Hispano Wilmington on Sunday, Sep 19, 2021.** We will be going after the noon service as a group to enjoy the music, food and community. We hope you can all join us in the fun!! The festival will take place at the Tubman Garret Riverfront Park, 40 Rosa Parks Drive, Wilmington. For more information contact Zuly at [zuly@trinityparishde.org](mailto:zuly@trinityparishde.org).

**The Trinity Ministry Fair is coming September 26!** After the 10:00 am service, a Ministry Fair will be held. Come and learn more about: Altar Guild, The Arts at Trinity, Audio/Visual, Choir, Coffee Hour, Bible Study, Friendship House (meals and events), Interfaith Coalition, Knitters Group, the Men's & Women's groups, Worship Servers,. Social Justice, and our Summer Fun Events. This is the time to find out about a new interest/group. Don't miss out!

**Trinity Choir will return September 26th** at the 10:00 am service. The first choir rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 pm with our new Director of Music, Dave Simmons. Regular choir rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings, starting on September 29 at 7 pm.

**Have you checked out our website lately?** There's a new page under the Worship menu—Devotions at Home. Devotions at home has various ways to worship and pray, including: a link to our YouTube page of streaming services, the National Cathedral webcast, daily prayer from Forward Day by Day, and more. Check it out here: <https://trinityoldswedes.church/devotions-at-home>.

**The Blessing of the Pets**—will be held on Saturday, October 9th at 10-11 am in Rockford Park, Wilmington. All pets are welcome!

**Adult Formation classes** are coming this fall to Trinity! October 13 & 20— Betsy Chapin will lead the discussion on *Paradise Lost : Book 9*. November 10 & 17—Patty will lead discussions on Heresies and How to Avoid Them. During Advent, December 1, 8, & 15—Patty will lead the group in *Seeing God in Every Day*. All classes will be a hybrid of Zoom and in person, beginning at 7 pm. Watch for more information coming soon.

**Special Communion** will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 28, 2021). Those wishing to celebrate their Special Communion should register as soon as possible and pick up an at-home packet of ten lessons to be completed with their families. For more information, please speak with Fr. Charles. Registration forms are available at the church.

**We are in need of Audio/Visual team members.** Are you interested in serving but not sure what to do? Do you know how to use a smartphone and/or computer? Then you have the skills to join the AV team to live stream our worship services. A team member will train you and get you started. Please contact one of the clergy or the parish office if interested in learning more.

**The Haskell – Wyeth Award:** *“This award is for meeting the challenge of motivating young people to overcome every obstacle to become leaders in bringing harmony, hope, and love to every human being.”*-The Honorable Harry G. “Hal” Haskell, Jr. & Andrew Wyeth. Delaware Futures 2021 Haskell Wyeth Reception – honoring the Reverend Patricia Downing is on Tuesday, November 2nd at 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the Wilmington Club. For information on event tickets, sponsorship and donations, please contact Dina Melchiorre, Delaware Futures Executive Director at [DMelchiorre@delawarefutures.org](mailto:DMelchiorre@delawarefutures.org) or 302-650-2122.

**Sharing a meal with our neighbors at Friendship House.** We are looking for volunteers to continue our commitment to provide meals and fellowship for residents of the Friendship House’s transitional homes, Andrew's Place and Epiphany House. We need volunteers for September—December 2021. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sarah Berninger: 302-351-2422 or [berninger59@comcast.net](mailto:berninger59@comcast.net).

**Grocery Cards for those in need—** We are running very low on grocery gift cards. If you are able to help, please mail or drop off gift cards to the parish office. If you are able, we would like to get grocery gift cards donated so Trinity can pass it along to those in need. The gift cards don't have to be high; you can donate \$20.00 or more per card. If you would like to donate a card please mail it to Trinity at 1108 N. Adams Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. If you yourself need help with groceries, please contact the clergy or Zuly at [zuly@trinityparishde.org](mailto:zuly@trinityparishde.org).