

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 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—“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.” Put that list on your mirror and try to live by these good stepping-stones for faithful stewards – difficult indeed to attain, but gratitude-creating when you have some success!

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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
Abigail Zitzelberger—Reader/Intercessor
Bob Contino—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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates

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

Psalm 1 *Prayed in unison*

***Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!***

***Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.***

***They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.***

***It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.***

***Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.***

***For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.***

The Epistle

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

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 Church of the Province of Uganda; and in our own diocese we pray for Church of the Nativity, New Castle;

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;

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 Carli, Sascha, Kim, and Tom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Concluding Collect

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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.

Psalm 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 with deep gratitude for the ministry and leadership of the Reverend Patricia Downing.

Flowers arranged by Ashlin Bray

Announcements

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. The retreat is open to ANYONE who wishes to learn more about the Episcopal Church. We will have a Saturday retreat on September 25 at Trinity at 10 am as a time of fellowship, prayer, and learning.

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

The Monday Bible study at noon is back via Zoom. Please join the discussion as we return to our weekly Bible study program. We are studying 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 TODAY. 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.

The Trinity Ministry Fair is coming next week, 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. Please remember to bring your masks!

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>. Also, the News and Events page now has an easy to see list of upcoming events by month.

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 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 February—June 2022. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sarah Berninger: 302-351-2422 or 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.



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