

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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.

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Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
David Simmons—Director of Music
Martha Diver—Reader/Intercessor
Stan Diver—Server

Team 4: Ava Vandergast, Amelia Welch-Wierzbicki—Altar Guild
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and Lucy Rebecca Miller Kennedy.

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The Holy Eucharist

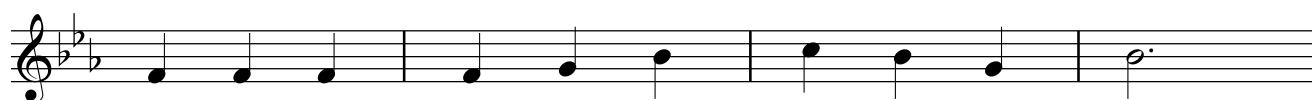
Prelude

Processional Hymn TH 488

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Word of God

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

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

The Collect for Purity *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, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125 *Prayed in unison.*

*Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.*

*The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.*

*The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.*

*Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.*

*As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.*

The Epistle

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; in the Anglican cycle of prayer we remember the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), and in our own diocese, the Youth Ministries Support Team and Youth Ministries.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop elect, and Kevin our Bishop; for our clergy, Patty and Marta, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Marie Hunt, Anne Digan, Jim Yandle, Melissa Perry, Marilyn Serrano, Paquito Ocasio, Ofelia Pitalúa, Emiliano Morales, Michael Dean, Evonn Ingram, Ron Clineff, Ernest Rowe, Angel Ocasio, Avery Petka, Jane Owen, Maureen Lyons, and Karen Hoepfinger.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week Rich Mical, Ashley Ramirez, Kathy VanDevender, Alexander Tlaseca Zuniga, Lindsey Baker, Giovanni Beard, Lillian Reyes Rivera, and Julia Dooley.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Mark Levin, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

The Offertory

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you	<i>And also with you.</i>
Lift up your hearts.	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and 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.

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.

Healing Prayers

Please, if you are so inclined, come forward following communion to the altar rail. A member of the clergy will ask if you wish prayers for yourself or someone else. They will then anoint your forehead and pray. If you don't come forward please pray the following:

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Announcements

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 amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Announcements

ANNUAL MEETING — Our yearly annual meeting will be held on Tuesday September 10th. The format will be the same as last year with a pot-luck dinner at 6pm and the meeting at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Come hear about all we have accomplished over the last year and what is being planned for 2025. Our Vestry nominees are: Steve Dooley, Janet Gordon, and Ray Stiles. Our Diocesan Convention Delegates are: Kathryn Jakabcin and Leslie McQuirter. You can see more about them on the next pages. You can also find out more information on our website: www.trinityoldswedes.church/annual-meeting.

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 15TH—Come to Trinity for *National Welcome Back to Church Sunday* and renew your spirit! Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members to Trinity and worship with our inspiring Trinity Choir, receive a blessing by our rector for new starts, and feel the joy and fellowship during the special welcome back coffee hour filled with good food and beverages after every service. All are always welcome to join our Trinity family!

ART SHOW at Old Swedes Church on September 15—Carrie Moore, our resident artist (see her artistic displays in the Trinity lobby), will hold an art show on Sunday, September 15th at Old Swedes Church immediately following the 9:30 am service. Come by and support the arts!

TRINITY CHOIR – Rehearsals Resume Sept. 12 – COME JOIN US! Trinity’s Choir returns to rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 pm and to singing for 10:00 am Sunday Services on Sunday, September 15th. **WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!** We welcome both experienced singers as well as people who have never sung in a choir. **EVERYBODY** is welcome and encouraged to become a part of the musical life of our congregation through participation in this wonderful vocal ensemble. Trinity’s Choir has lots of fun making music together and we are always looking for new voices to join our merry ranks. Come give it a try! There is always room for new voices in the choir!

Foyer Groups Return—September will be here before we know it, and it will be time to start up our foyer groups again. For those who are new to the church these are groups of 8-10 people whom are put together in the fall, with the idea that the groups will meet 3 to 4 times, between September and the spring, to share a meal. This is a way to get to know others in the church and establish closer or different relationships. The groups are mixed so that as many people as possible get to know people that they might otherwise not know. There will be a signup sheet placed in the church. Even if you signed up last year, you need to sign up again this year. If you are interested in attending please sign up and let us know if you are willing to host. The meal can be any time of day that the group selects and can be as informal or as formal as the group wants. We hope that as many people as possible will join us. If you have any questions please contact the office or Niki Ingram at niki.ingram@gmail.com.

TAAT Season opens on October 25 - The Arts at Trinity will present THE JAMES FERNANDO TRIO with Taisha Estrada on Friday, October 25, at 7:30 pm. Hailed as a “prodigiously gifted composer and virtuoso pianist,” James Fernando creates music that lies at the intersection of jazz, classical, and electronic music. His trio delivers genre-expanding original compositions, as well as an eclectic mix of well-known compositions from many different eras and styles of jazz. The trio will be joined by Puerto Rican singer Taisha Estrada, whose vocals, rooted in the traditions of Latin and American jazz, have an innovative, multi-genre sound. As with all TAAT concerts, admission is **FREE**, including receptions before and after the concert. Kick off your October weekend with a Friday evening of soulful, autumnal jazz!