

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026

PROPER 12 A

10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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Good Morning!
Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning.

WELCOME	If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.
NAMETAGS	To make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, stickers and markers are at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags.
KIDS IN CHURCH	If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quiet space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the 10 A.M. service. There is no childcare attendant, so all children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.
INTERCESSORY PRAYER	Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 A.M. service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over for the next month.
HEARING ASSISTANCE	Our church offers assistive listening devices for individuals with hearing difficulties. These devices allow them to receive amplified sound directly through their compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance using an assistive listening device, please see a church usher.
ABOUT OUR WORSHIP	Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in <i>The Hymnal 1982</i> (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing II</i> (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's tradition, for prayer.

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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10:00 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All 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

Book of Common Prayer, p. 356

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

PSALM 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini Domino*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 738

(SPOKEN)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.

- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit.

SERMON

The Rev. George Chien

Silence for reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

All 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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.

*This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes 'who proceeds from the Father and the Son' to 'who proceeds from the Father.' This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase 'and the Son' was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches.)

Intercessor	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
	For all people in their daily life and work;
People	For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Intercessor	For this community, the nation, and the world;
People	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor	For the just and proper use of your creation;
People	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Intercessor	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People	For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor	For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People	For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor	For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey and Laura, our Bishops; and for all Bishops and other ministers;
People	For all who serve God in the Church.
Intercessor	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
	Hear us, Lord;
People	For your mercy is great.
Intercessor	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
	We will exalt you, O God our King;
People	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People	Who put their trust in you.
Intercessor	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
All	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

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

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please sit.

WELCOME

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, p. 830

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) 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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 376

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

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.

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,

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 harmony with your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all 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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you do not wish to receive wine, receiving only Bread imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Please Welcome The Rev. Dr. Marta S. Rivera Monclova

The Rev. Dr. Marta S. Rivera Monclova (Mother Marta, or just Marta) has joined Trinity as our Priest. She grew up in Brooklyn, NY. Her BA is from the Gallatin School at NYU where she focused on literature and education. She then earned both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in English from Tufts University, with a dissertation on Puerto Rican literature from New York. Before entering ordained ministry, she spent 10 years teaching English at a number of colleges, including a semester teaching in Shanghai. She has also variously worked in tech, as an office administrator, at summer camp, and waited tables. She also holds an M.Div. from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, where she was awarded a commencement prize for Anglican liturgy. She has served as curate at Trinity's daughter, Grace Church, Hartford, and serves as chaplain to Armsmear, the Elizabeth Colt house. Mother Marta deeply believes in the power and importance of community in the Christian life. That belief led her to found Haven Religious; an Intentional Episcopal Community and the Order of the Body of Christ (OCC), the religious order within Haven Religious. She unabashedly excited about beginning her new role at Trinity, getting to know the congregation better, and moving into the future with the Trinity community.

The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC), Preaching

The Rev. George Chien retired from the senior pastorate at Metropolitan Community Church of Hartford in 2011, having served there for twelve years. He previously pastored several United Methodist congregations in upstate New York and Connecticut. An amateur photographer and graphic artist, George enjoys exploring the city, its arts and architecture, and meeting its people. A graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, he and his husband Julio Flores reside in Frog Hollow, Hartford, in a 150-year-old Victorian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 30, 2026, Giving Statements

2026 Giving Statements for the period ending June 30 have been mailed.

If you haven't received your statement by the end of next week or have questions, contact Mary Rojas at office@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext. 204.

Camp Washington Tag Sale & Bake Sale

Saturday, August 1, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – 190 Kenyon Road Lakeside, Connecticut

Rain or shine – come shop to support Camp Washington's ministry. Email

camp@campwashington.org with questions, including whether there is still time to rent a table to sell your wares..

2026 Backpack Ministry for Covenant to Care

Trinity is once again participating in the Adopt a Social Worker program of Covenant to Care to support Hartford children in need as they return to school. This year we've been asked to simply provide backpacks, as these are generally the biggest cost factor for the families.

Backpacks may be for any level of school children, with gender-neutral designs, please. They may be placed in the Baptistry until Sunday, August 16. A blessing will be included in our service that day, and they will be delivered to Covenant to Care on August 17.

Have questions? Contact Penny Pearson, 860-243-0020, pennypearson@comcast.net

Safe Church

We recently had a Safe Church training here at Trinity, and we would like to have the completion certificates from all those from the parish who attended! If you were there, you should have received a certificate of completion from the diocese. Please forward yours to Mary Rojas, parish administrator, at office@trinityhartford.org. If you completed Safe Church training elsewhere, or at another time, we would still appreciate it if you would forward the certificate to Mary so we can ensure our file is up to date.

A place of welcome

A reminder to anyone and everyone who is interested in welcome, greeting, food, fellowship, hosting, setting up, cleaning up, and all that stuff that makes people feel comfortable and welcome at church: Come have a chat with your priest after worship today. Get your coffee, say hello, and then we'll meet in the Library.

Coming soon:

Next Sunday, **August 2**, no group has signed up, so let those who are on or are interested in the Worship Team convene after church in the Library. Again, all informal chats!

August 9: Adult Christian formation has signed up; let all who are interested stop by the Library.

August 16: Flower Guild will convene after worship; let all who are interested stop by the Library.

August 23: Stewardship will convene after worship; let all who are interested stop by the Library.

(See the theme here? Even if you've never tried any of these things before, come on in!)

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Marta S. Rivera Monclova

Preacher: The Rev. George Chien

Director of Music: Markus Centola

Lay Readers: Walton Brown-Foster, Cecelia Timothy

Intercessory Prayer Team: Dianne Bowens-Walker

Intercessor: Cathy Rowe

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Acolytes: Elizabeth Rousseau, Cathy Rowe, Matthew Thomas

Ushers: Neill Derick, William A. Kofalk, Sonia Watson, Marc Wiest, Dianne Bowens-Waller

Virtual Vergers: Mark MacGougan, Casey Rousseau, Elizabeth Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Altar Guild: Marcus Clark, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cathy Rowe, Cecelia Timothy

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Drew & Kate Smith, Laquisha Springer, and Kathy Steinwedell.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; and Christ Church, Sharon; and for curates, seminary interns, parish assistants & associates.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

We pray for:

Jim Bradley

Lorraine Johnson & Family

Faith McCurdy

Moulton Family

Marie Croome & Family

Tori & Trevor Henry

Dr. Michael Lagasse

Kevin Lopez

Dianne Bowens-Waller & Family

Johanna Ramos & Esther Irizarry

Karen Brinkman and Keira Negrelli

John E. Robinson

Rose Julianne Boyer & Family

Austin Mogor

Mike Amanek

Edith Navarro

Suliman Foster

Jasmine Drake

Louisa Cummings

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 26 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost- Outdoor Worship
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Memorial Garden)
6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, August 2 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)
6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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