



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## NINTH Sunday after Pentecost



AUGUST 10, 2025

10:00 am

# ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

PRELUDE

*Spirit Song*  
(Grace Mauk, piano)

*The UMC Hymnal #347*

WELCOME

*Please stand.*

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

OPENING SONG

*How firm a foundation*


*The Hymnal 1982 #637*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Priest:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

***People:* Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Priest:* 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 Savior.  
**Amen.**


## SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

*Francisco Manoling*

*Sung twice.*


C      G/B      Am      C/G      F      F/G      C      F/G



Glo-ry to God in the highest \_\_\_\_\_ and peace to God's peo-ple on earth \_\_\_\_\_

C      G/B      Am      C/G      Dm7      F/G      C      F/C C

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Glo-ry to God in the highest \_\_\_\_\_ and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* God be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 15:1-6

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*Spoken responsively.*

Blessed are the nations who hear the Word and abide in it;

**All people who respond to the Beloved!**

For, the Beloved dwells in every heart that is open and free;

**Into our hands, into our hearts, does the Beloved surrender,**

**That we might do with Love what we will.**

Do we not know that the nations are not saved by military might,

**Just as generals are not saved by their own strength?**

All such arms are the outward expression of greed in fearful hearts;

**They will reap only despair and destruction.**

Behold, the love of the Beloved is stronger than ten thousand bombs,

**More to be desired than the wealth of all nations.**

Do we not know that to dwell in the Heart of the beloved is the promise to every nation,

**the birthright of all people, the journey of life eternal?**

Our soul yearns for the Beloved, for peace, joy, and assurance.

**Yes, our hearts are glad and sing songs of gratitude, praising the name of the Holy One!**

May every nation come to live in the steadfast love of the Spirit of Truth!

**May every people hope in Love Divine!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

*Reader:* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."



All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise.*

GRADUAL

*I Surrender All*

LEVAS #133

4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der  
Fill me with thy love and pow - er,

4. Lord, I give my - self to thee;  
Let thy bless - ings fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

I sur - ren - der all, All to thee, my  
I sur - ren - der all,

bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

***People:* Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

***People:* Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

Nicene creed *Please rise.*

**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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*From the Task Force on LGBTQ+ Inclusion*

### Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Eb, Eb7, Db/Ab, Ab, Eb  
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your

System 2: F7, Bb7, Eb, Eb7  
Spir - it in this place; Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

System 3: Db/Ab, Ab, Adim7, Eb/Bb, Bb7, Ab/Eb, Eb  
pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**People:** *Lord, listen to your children praying // Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying // Send us love, send us power, send us grace*

**Leader:** In the stillness of this moment and the strength of our gathering, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and one another to the Holy One whose love knows no bounds.

We give thanks for the witness of your Church, O Christ. For all who respect your life-giving and liberating love. For communities that honor queer and transgender lives, and for voices that proclaim your gospel of love and transformation. Strengthen your Church with power through your Spirit, especially where it has caused harm or withheld blessing. Teach us to walk in love, as Christ loved us, and to be faithful stewards of your reconciling grace.

*Leader:* We pray for all who serve in public trust and give thanks for leaders who pursue justice with courage and humility. For lawmakers, advocates, and peacemakers who defend dignity and protect the vulnerable. Let your wisdom guide all in authority; may their hearts be turned to equity, compassion, and peace.

We grieve the harm caused by unjust laws and unmitigated violence and cruelty, and we ask your Spirit to move mightily wherever your people cry out for freedom.

***People:* Lord, listen to your children praying // Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying // Send us love, send us power, send us grace**

*Leader:* We rejoice in the beauty of creation and in the fierce care of those who tend it. For organizers, artists, healers, and neighbors who build beloved community from the ground up. Bless the land beneath our feet, the rivers and forests, the creatures with whom we share this earth. We pray for those who live without shelter or safety, for the displaced and the dispossessed, for those harmed by the climate crisis and systems of greed. Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*Leader:* We remember those who suffer and those in any kind of trouble. For all who carry hidden wounds, who live with chronic pain, illness, addiction, or despair.

For LGBTQ+ youth and elders, especially those cut off from family or care. Let your Spirit bring healing, courage, and companionship. We commend to you all who have died: those remembered and those forgotten, those claimed and those erased. Gather them into your light, where sorrow is no more, and joy never ends.

***People:* Lord, listen to your children praying // Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying // Send us love, send us power, send us grace**

*Priest:* Holy One, receive the prayers we offer and those known only to you. Knit us together in your chosen family, bind us together in the love that bears all things, and raise us up in the resurrection of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins to God.  
(Silence may be kept.)

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**



**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Priest:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Priest:* Please greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

## Announcements and offertory invitation

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## OFFERTORY

*Blessed Assurance*

*LEVAS #184*

*(Grace Wipfli, Courtney Rahe, Chelsie Cree and Grace Mauk)*

# ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Presider:* God be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to God.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to Christ our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*The Hymnal 1982 #5-128*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before dying for us Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

## **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

LEVAS #151

*Priest:* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**



*Priest:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive this gift in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed in him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The priest will invite everyone to come forward for communion. The ushers will direct you when it is time. At Trinity we offer both fresh bread and gluten free crackers. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we serve only non-alcoholic wine. All are welcome.*

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;  
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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We've come this far — by — faith, Lean - ing on the  
 Lord; — Trust - ing in His ho - ly word,  
 He's nev - er failed — me yet. O —  
 — can't turn a - round. — We've come this far — by — faith. — **Fine**

1. Don't be dis - cour-aged when trou-ble's in your life. He'll bear your

bur - dens and move all mis - er - y and strife. That's why we've

*D.S.*

2. Just the other day I heard someone say  
 He didn't believe in God's word;  
 But I can truly say that God had made a way  
 And He never failed me yet.  
 That's why we've (Refrain)

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## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING



# SENDING HYMN

## I'll Fly Away

The Hymnal 1982 #410

♩ = 112

1 Verse

1. Some glad mor - ning when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.  
 2. When the sha - dows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.  
 3. Just a few more wear - y days and then I'll fly a - way.

2 Chorus

To a home on God's cel - es - tial shore. I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a -  
 Like a bird from pri - son bars have flown. I'll fly a - way.  
 To a land where joys shall nev - er end. I'll fly a - way.

way, O glo - ry, I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah by and by.

1,2 - Repeat to VERSE

3.

I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a - way.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:*

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**



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Celebrating people who find love with people of any gender expression or identify



**BISEXUAL PRIDE FLAG**  
Celebrating people who find love with either men or women



**TRANSGENDER PRIDE FLAG**  
Celebrating people whose gender identity is different from the sex that was assigned to them at birth



**LESBIAN PRIDE FLAG**  
Celebrating women who find love with other women



**NONBINARY PRIDE FLAG**  
Celebrating gender identities that are outside the binary of woman/man



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Celebrating the diversity of the queer community everyone's gifts and experience.