

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

August 14, 2016 - 8 AM and 10 AM

*Our Rector, The Rev. Sharon Gracen, is on sabbatical;
this morning we welcome The Rev. Ann Broomell as our celebrant.
Gabriel Simerson - Guest organist*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Ministry of the Word

Piano: Prelude from Suite Bergamasque

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Hymn 388

O worship the King, all glorious above!

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever Amen.

Collect for Purity

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Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.**

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *

O King of all the ages.

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Epistle Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats,

destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People Form II

Confession of Sin

The Peace

Announcements

Presentation of Scholarships

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn Wonder Love & Praise 778

Doxology Hymn 380, stanza 3

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We all are one in mission

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Holy Communion

Gluten free wafers are available; please let our celebrant know you would like one.

*If you would like to receive Communion but cannot come to the altar rail,
please inform the ushers; and the sacrament will be brought to you.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The people remain standing

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 Hymn S-125

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.

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 he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given 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 death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant: 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 forever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer Music is found on the back inside cover of your blue hymnal.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will have eternal life.

Postcommunion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing

Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Dismissal

Organ: Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

The Liturgy Has Ended, Let The Service Begin

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting, either as a newcomer or just passing through, we welcome you and thank you for your presence. We love to share Trinity with others, so ask us questions, give us opportunities to be helpful. Visitor cards are found in each pew; please fill one out, and give it to an usher or put it in the offertory plate – thank you!

If you need a priest for pastoral care during Rev. Sharon's sabbatical, please call the office, Monday - Friday, 9AM - 1PM at 203-488-2681. After hours, please call Ann Freeman, our Senior Warden, at 203-481-0188. Cathy Seibyl of the Pastoral Care Ministry will also be available.

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Trinity's 10:00 AM service is shown on cable access channel 18 at 7:00 PM Sundays

The arrangements on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Louise, Earl and Matt Carlin by Katie, Pam and Bennett Lovejoy; also Emma Hansen by Claudia Hansen. The flowers on the Children's Altar are given in loving memory of the Goodrich and Shepard families by the Trinity Scholarship trustees.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Lectors 8 am

Lectors 10 am

Acolyte 10 am

Chalice Bearers 8 am

Chalice Bearers 10 am

Ushers 8 am

Ushers 10 am

Video

Martha Monico, Stacie Russell

Lisa Davis-Rucinski, Carol Schaller

Samdaye Sharma, Wiley Rutledge

Alexis Brown

Cindy Sheppard, Lisa Davis-Rucinski

David Smith, Deb Bradley

Bobbe Otis, Dru Dodd

Rodney and Peter Hayes

Steve Poole

The Lessons for August 21st are:

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Members of Trinity who are in need of healing: Antoinette, Charlie, Cheryl, Dolores, Edward, Emma, Frank, Janet, Joel, John W., Ken S., Liz, Machaela, Mary, Maryann, Nancy, Pat E., Sam, Shirley, Sophia, Terry, Winnifred.

Members of Trinity in need of ongoing prayer: Ann Collier, Alex, Anne, Betsy, Bill, Bob, Carol, Celia, Charlsie, Christopher, Dawn, Emylie, Erskine, Francis, Hannah, Jeanne M., Jeanne S., Jo-Ann, John M., Joy, Judy, Julia, Katherine, Kellen, Ken W., Margaretta, Marvin, Matthew, Michael A., Michael F., MJ, Nancy, Natalie, Oda, Pat B., Pat W., Patty, Paul, Perdita, Rich, Ruth B., Ruth W., Toni, Winthrop, and Yolanda.

Those for whom our prayers are asked: Jacki, Uncle George (Anderson); Ashley (Aspland); Charles, Lauran (Baker); Robert, Geraldine, Blanchard, Judith (Baskin); Lesley (Baird); Steve (Bousquet); Nancy (Carley); Kathy, Jan, Sheila, Carmen, June (Collier); Kathy, Adam, Eli (Conlon); Caron, Matt, Gary, Hank, Jenna, Lorenzo and Nicolas, Susan, Jessica and baby (Coote); Marshall and son, Barbara and Ray, Allison, Dave and Mary Grace (Cormany); Aileen (Daley); Shirley, Eleanor, Jean (D. Denhardt); Peter (Dodd); Susan, James, Dan, AJ, Ron, Paul, Bob, David, GW (Dougherty); Elizabeth (Dunn); Anne, Patricia (Eldridge); Jacqueline, Pat (P. Esposito); Joey (Feniola); Rebecca (N. Gillette); Carmen (Hager); Eshe and Lynyx, Cathy (Harris); Mitti (Henry); David, Ryan (Howell); Madison (Hyder); Mary Beth and Ed, Laura, Kathy, Laurie, Jay and baby, Baker and Samantha, Gary and Phyllis, Roberta, Donna (R. Jones); Dick, Bill and Patti, Louise (Kelley); Geoff, Kathy, Dana (Knowlton); Miguel (Larrieu); Shirley, Maryellen, Michelle (Lehr); Bill (Lewis); Su (McParland); Kane, Leslie, Jade, Autumn, Hassan (Marsland); Janet (Merlone); Elmer (S. Molaskey); Susan (Moughty); Paul (Norwood); Jake, Lisa, Ryder, Turner (Otis); Bruce, Sue D., Michael, Ellen, Sue E. (Pearson); Bill (Pepe); Julie W., Rica P., Carla C., Nancy, Laura, John, Peter, Bill and Jen (Poole); Ron, Kathy F., Vivian, Anne, Karen, Gail (Rowan); Hannah, Samantha A. (B. Rowe); John, Ron (K. Rowe); Trish, Katherine (Russell); Tom, Tom, Emma, Tanya (Ryan); Barbara (Sause); Barry (Schaller); Miles, Nathalie, Hannah, Ian, John, Matt (Schuller); Paul (Seibyl); Barbara (Shelley); Thomas, Jane (Sobolewski); Jane (Williams); Suzanne, Carolyn (Williams); Susan (Wyllie).

For those serving in the armed forces, especially: Sgt. Jeremy Coleman, Sgt. Matthew Grigson, Cpl. George Heath, IV, Petty Officer II Class Alyssa Poole, Lt. Rachel Willis

Parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Seth Novak, Ron Henschcliffe, Pat Kelly-White, LouAnn Howell

Conversation With The Congregation

Today - 11:30 AM Guild Room

How do we plan for our future? We have an idea. Come hear it and give us your feedback. How can we better serve our local community? How might we be relevant to the millennials? Our collective input will define and focus our strengths. Trinity needs your help to answer these questions and more. Three sessions will be offered to accommodate all schedules. **The other two August dates are: Friday, the 19th, 10:00 AM, and Thursday, the 25th, 6:30 PM.** If you can plan ahead and pick one session, please RSVP to the office 203-488-2681. If not, just come! Meetings are in the air-conditioned Guild Room. Special arrangements can be made for members not able to travel into the church and who would like their input to be included. Please let Jane in the office know who you are by calling 203-488-2681.

Meeting about Middle School Youth Spiritual Formation

A discussion of middle school youth spiritual formation at Trinity was what the youth and parents decided we should try back in May. Thus, let's meet **Sunday Aug. 28th at 4:30pm** in the *Guild Room* to finalize a plan which would start in September. Your input and participation is crucial for us to know what you and your children can attend and to find the resources to provide these activities for them. Please let me know how many parents/grandparents and youth will be attending. Martha Monico 203-848-0157

109th Trinity Fair is coming September 10th:

This is a Community Celebration with traditional and new venues. Team leaders are organizing so it's time to sign up for a two hour shift with your favorite venue. Every household is asked to participate in some way – it takes ALL of us to make a successful fair. Options are to donate goods to sell and/or your time helping, or help to offset expenses, and/or attend and celebrate and shop! Do your fair share!

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> **Today**, you may pick from the silent auction items wanted and bring the items in over the next couple of weeks.

1000 more canned foods are needed for the labyrinth. Watch for supermarket specials!

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> See all the Fair details in the newsletter next week.

Shop, eat, dance, be with and celebrate community. Let's have fun!---- Jen Zehler

An Invitation for TODAY at 1:00 PM from Zion

Prayer Hike w/ Holy Eucharist This is a two-hour family-friendly ramble following the New England National Scenic Trail to one of the prettiest spots in Guilford! Please meet at 12:45 in the hiker parking lot on the north side of Rte 80. Questions? Contact: Rev. Lucy LaRocca, 203-488-7395 or Hike Leader Janet Ainsworth @ 203-530-7826

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Today	11:30 AM	Conversation with the Congregation, Guild Room
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Vestry, Guild Room
Thursday	9:00 AM	Steering Committee, Guild Room
	4:00 PM	Eucharistic Visitors, Guild Room
Friday	10:00 AM	Conversations with the Congregation, Guild Room