Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 27



November 8, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

The 9 a.m. service is fully spoken; the 11 a.m. service includes hymns and other music. Hymns marked with "H" can be found in the blue Hymnal.

All else needed for worship is contained in this bulletin.

If desired, the full text of the service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Page numbers are indicated.

*Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*

Announcements

Prelude

The people stand as they are able.

Entrance Hymn H 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"

Opening Acclamation *EOW 1 p. 50*

Cele. Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant says *BCP p. 355*

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.**

All say this Hymn of Praise (9 a.m.)

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.**

All sing this Hymn of Praise (11 a.m.)



The Collect of the Day *BCP p. 236*

Cele. The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Cele. Let us pray.

Cele. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Lector A reading from the book of Joshua.

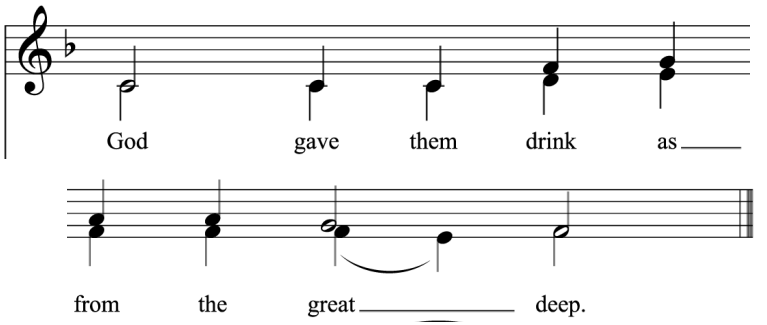
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.' "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord,

for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Response Psalm 78:1-7



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[1]Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
[2]I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **Refrain**

[3]That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
[4]We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done. **Refrain**

[5]He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
[6]That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
[7]So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments. **Refrain**

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn H 58 "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending"

Silence is kept for reflection. Then, all stand as they are able for the proclaiming of the Gospel.

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon [Jesus said,] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five

of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Matthew Roney

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 Form VI *BCP p. 392*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence for reflection

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

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Assisting Bishop; Zachary, our Bishop-elect; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence for reflection.

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.

Silence

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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence for reflection.

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.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Cele. 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

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

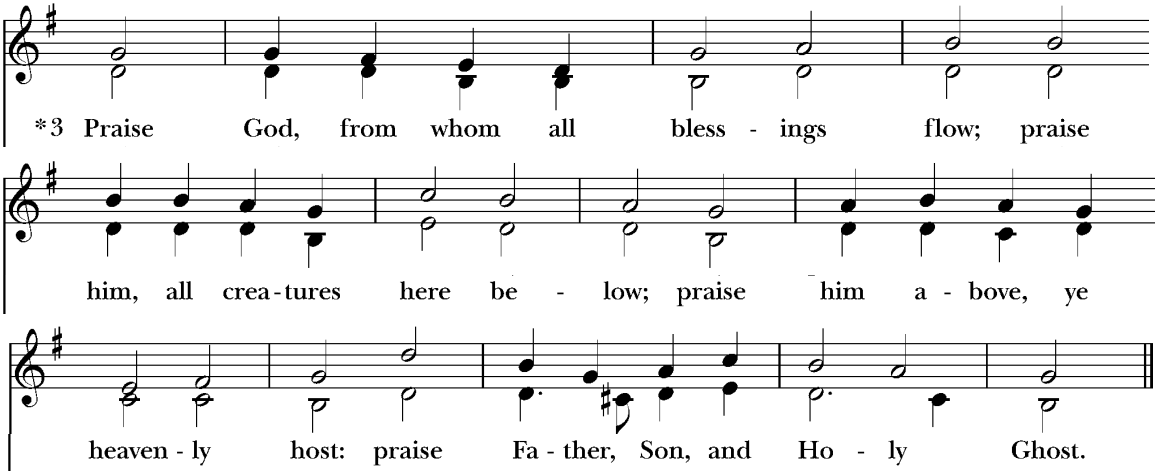
The People may greet one another with a sign of peace. After the Peace, the People are seated for the offertory.

Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

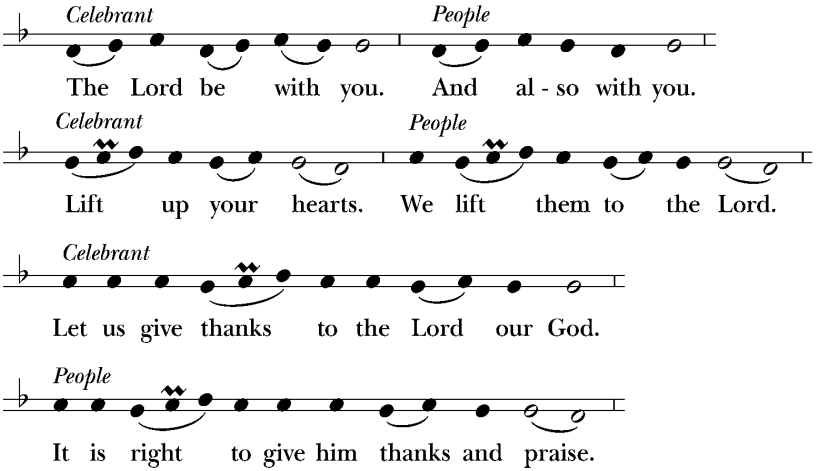
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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP p. 361*

The People stand as they are able. The Celebrant faces them and says (9 a.m.) or sings (11 a.m.)



The 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…

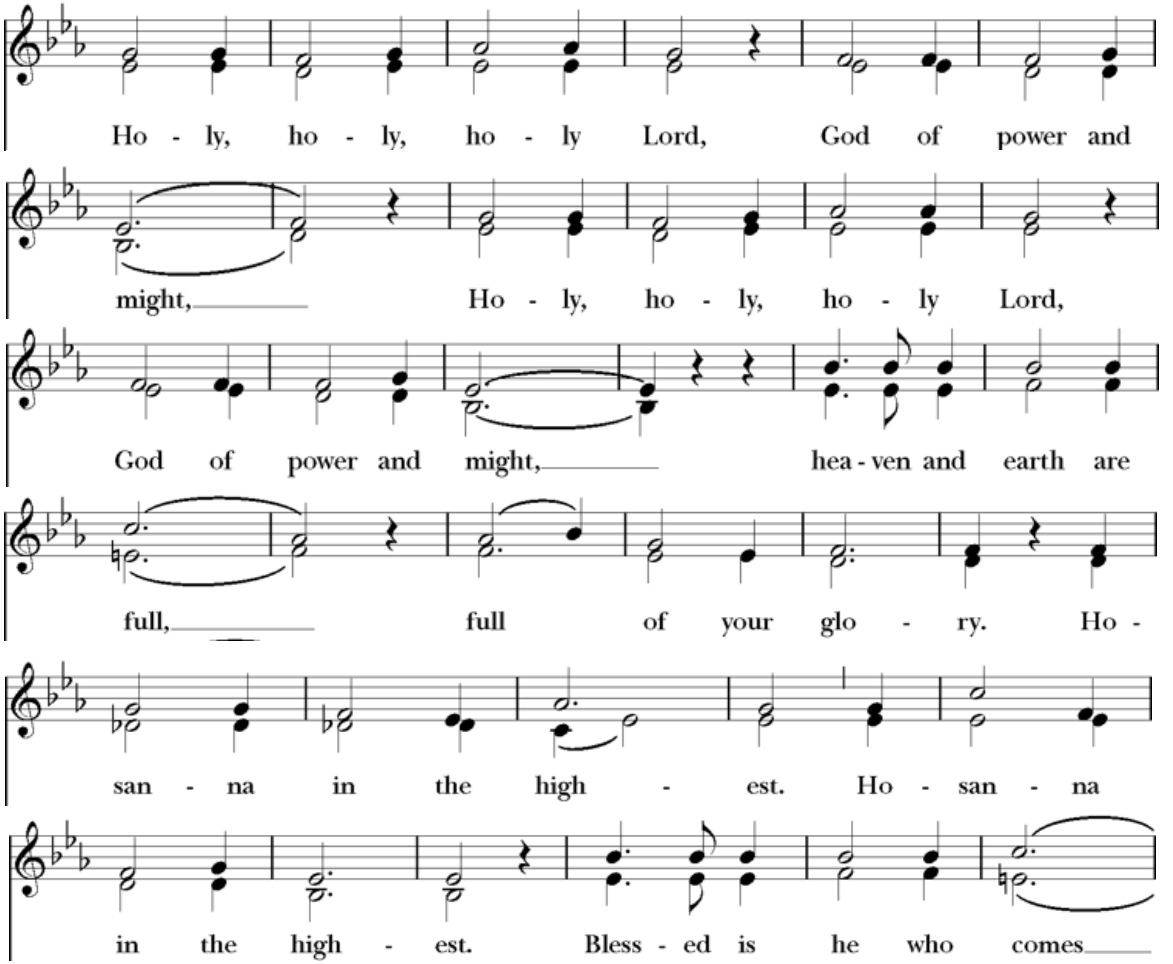
Here the Celebrant says or sings a Proper Preface, followed by

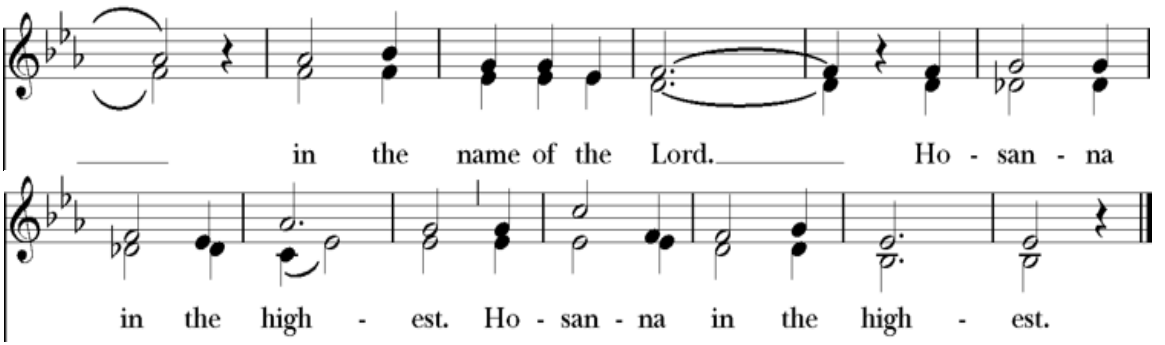
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Clergy and People (9 a.m.)

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.

Clergy and People (11 a.m.)





Then the Celebrant continues

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death...

The Celebrant continues, pronouncing the Words of Institution—the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, when he instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist—concluding with

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

After this, the People acclaim as indicated:

Cele. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

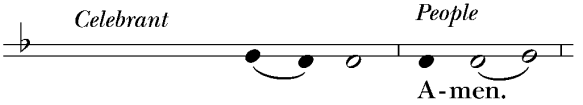
People and Clergy

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father . . . 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.



Cele. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Clergy

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. Then, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All present are invited forward. If you are not a baptized Christian or choose not to receive, please cross your arms in front of your chest and instead receive a blessing.

If you would like to learn more about receiving the sacrament of baptism, Fr. Matt would be overjoyed to speak with you after the service.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Optional prayer for those who cannot receive due to absence, such as those worshipping at home

> Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Hymns During Communion

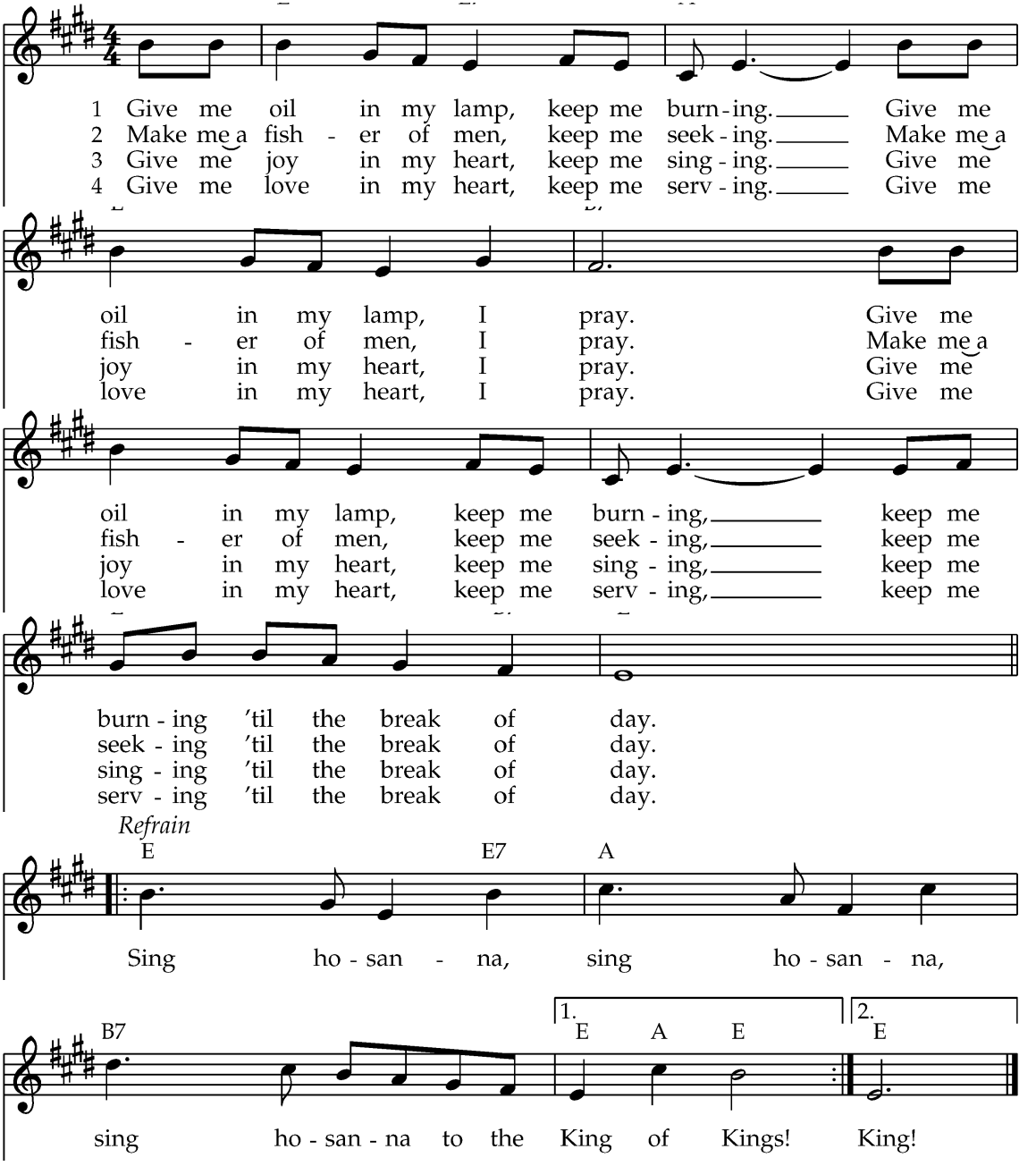
Hymn L 8 "Deep river"



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Hymn H 68 "Rejoice! Rejoice, believers"

Hymn VF 61 "Give me oil in my lamp" (vs. 1, 3, 4)
(Voices Found is a resource of the Episcopal Church)



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The People stand as they are able.

All say this post-communion prayer *BCP p. 365*

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 Celebrant blesses the people.

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn H 436 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" (vs. 1-3)

The Deacon dismisses them with these or similar words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

IN OUR PRAYERS

For Healing & Convalescing: Angeline Collins, Janice LeMonds, Hazel Farnum, Sid Urbanowicz, Ken Hubbard, Marley Hamp, Julian Liske, Tim Fitzpatrick, Joan Campbell, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, George, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Chuck, Becky & Dante, Tyson, Georgia, Kim, Morgan, Tom Goodburne, and Baby J.

Birthdays: Ruby Stemkowski (9), Jim Masters, Linda Gapske (11)

Military: Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: For all deacons in the Diocese and St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo; Anglican: the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY MEN'S GROUP

The Trinity Men's Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, at J.J.'s. All Trinity gentlemen are welcome!

PRAYER/MEDITATION SPACE

In order to encourage the ministries of prayer, meditation, formation and spiritual direction, the Vestry has approved the dedication of space in the church undercroft. The two attached rooms (front, left) will be utilized for these activities. We will be preparing this space in November and kindly request that anyone that has personal items or things to be repurposed, that these be moved by the first of November when cleaning will occur. Thank you for your consideration!

HOLIDAY SEASON DOWNTOWN GIVING TREE ~ SUNDAY SUPPER PANTRY

Downtown this holiday season Alpena businesses will be collecting for different local nonprofits. Those participating will have giving trees at the front entrances of their establishments. **Traveling Ladders will be collecting for Sunday Supper's Food Pantry.** If you would like to contribute, you can drop off items at the store (102 N. 2nd) or pick up an "ornament" suggestion off the tree to bring back later. The collection runs Nov. 14- Dec. 12. All donations are appreciated!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9 & 11 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11 AM	Children's Sunday School
	12:15 PM	Choir Practice
	4 PM	Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Prayer Group
	4:45 PM	Alpena Groove - Lower Level
	7 PM	AA
Wednesday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	12:05 PM	Holy Eucharist
	1 PM	Bible Study
	5:15 PM	Bible Study
	7 PM	AA
Thursday	9 AM	Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time)
Friday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	11:45 AM	Friends of Plaza Pool - All Saints Hall
	5:30 PM	AA

This week we celebrate God's abundance. In creation, in our community, and in our lives, God provides more than enough. How will you share from your plenty?

Plenty Good Room

A Reflection for the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation invites us to see the world not as a resource to be consumed, but as a sacred gift entrusted to our care. From the beginning, God's generosity overflowed in creation: light and darkness, seas and dry land, birds and fish, creatures of every kind, and finally humanity, blessed to live in harmony with it all. The first chapter of Genesis resounds with God's refrain: "It is good."

The spiritual Plenty Good Room proclaims the same truth. There is space for every creature in God's design, and the table of creation is wide enough to welcome all. Yet we confess that too often, we have lived as if creation is scarce and fragile only because of our own misuse. Pollution, climate change, and exploitation reveal the consequences of a mindset of scarcity – taking without giving, grasping without gratitude.

The Season of Creation calls us back to the truth of abundance. In the great economy of God, there is enough: enough food, enough clean water, enough beauty, enough shelter, if we steward these gifts wisely and share them justly. Creation is not a closed system of competition, but a community of interdependence, where every part plays its role and thrives in balance.

As stewards, we are called to generosity not just with our money, but with our choices: the way we consume, the way we share, the way we advocate for justice for the earth and its peoples. Every gift we return to God – whether planting a tree, reducing waste, investing in clean energy, or pledging financial support for the mission of the Church – is a testimony that we believe there is plenty good room in God's kingdom for all creation to flourish.

The Season of Creation is a chance to remember that stewardship is not just about sustaining the church, but about sustaining the world that God so loves. Together, may we proclaim with our words, our lives, and our gifts that creation is good, abundant, and holy.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."
— Psalm 24:1 TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

What is your role and responsibility in stewarding the Earth for future generations?



J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

TENS | THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

Help Provide Thanksgiving Meals for NEMSCA Families in Need

Trinity Episcopal Church

Turkeys and canned goods are being provided by ECW, Sunday Supper and other organizations.
We still need items from our congregation to help complete these Thanksgiving meals.
We will be feeding ~244 people (46 families).



SUGGESTED DONATIONS

- ☑ Instant coffee
- ☑ Hot cocoa
- ☑ Cool Whip
- ☑ Cherry Pie Filling
- ☑ Turkey gravy
- ☑ Medium foil roasting pans
- ☑ Thanksgiving napkins

Drop off items in the Parish Hall

November 8th through the 22nd

Questions? Contact Ellen Eagan, Sue Krafft, Rebecca Stockdale, or Carol Rundell.

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Monday - Thursday - 1pm to 5pm, Friday - 1pm to 3pm

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, ours is a tradition both catholic and reformed—a *via media,* or "middle way," within the historic Christian faith.

Part of the Alpena community since 1864, our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a National Jubilee Center, we work to serve those in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome and wanted in this place. We are delighted that you are here, and hope that you will join us in prayer and fellowship.

Lay Leadership

Vestry

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The Village Church
With a Voice