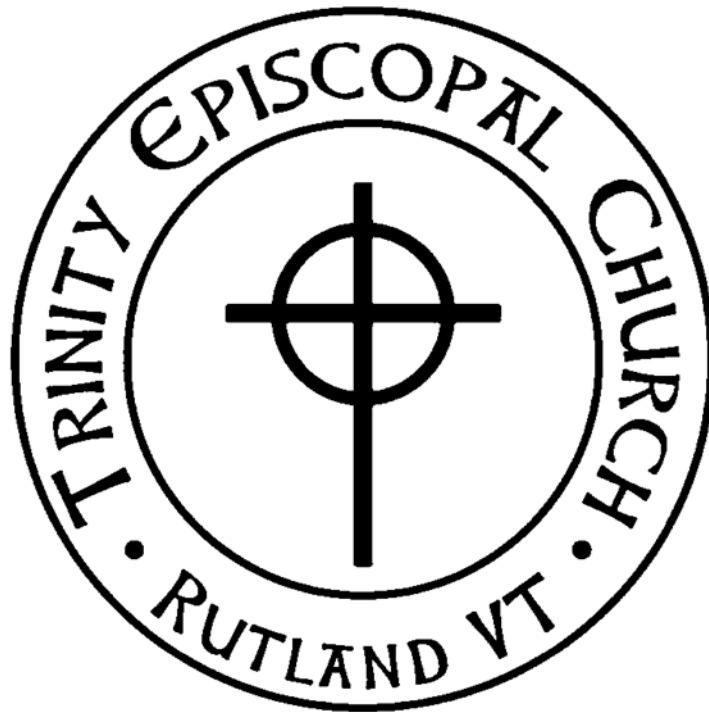


TRINITY CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

9:30 a.m.



WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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9:30a.m. Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Eucharist

We invite you to quiet conversation when the prelude begins. Please silence your mobile devices.

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	Choral-Improvisation on "Lobe den Herren"	Paul Manz
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Opening Hymn #390	<i>Praise to the Lord...</i>	<i>Lobe den Herren</i>
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Opening Acclamation

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 in Excelsis S 280 (service music, indicated by "S" is found in the front section of the hymnal)
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lessons of the Day

First Reading	Genesis 50:15-21
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Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

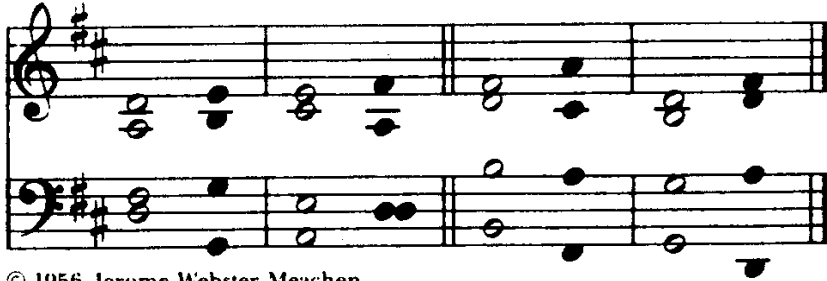
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All:

(The congregation is invited to join the choir in chanting the Psalm.)



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8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
 9 The Lord will not always accuse us, *
 nor remain angry for ever.
 10 The Lord has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
 so is the Lord's mercy great upon those who fear God.
 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
 so far has the Lord removed our sins from us.
 13 As a father cares for his children, *
 so does the Lord care for those who fear God.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Reader:

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People:

Thanks be to God.

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

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

Celebrant: Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon	The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi
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The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Celebrant: Together, let us affirm our faith.

People: **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.

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 The Most Reverend Sarah Mullaly, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Thomas and Rob, our companion Bishops of Maine and New Hampshire; for Sarah, our priest; for Liz, our Deacon; and for all our lay leaders; in our cycle of prayers, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; and for Trinity Church, Shelburne; Margaret Lowell, Senior Warden.

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for: Annie, Lauren, Linda, Ted. Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for those in our congregation celebrating anniversaries and birthdays: Arthur Kaufman, Alayna Gilman, Benjamin Brierre, Christina Sweet, and Larry Patrick. 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, especially for Thomas Ormsbee for whom the altar flowers have been given, 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Thank you for your generous stewardship of Trinity Church. Through your gifts, you join the Good Shepherd in tending this community—nurturing faith, strengthening fellowship, and caring for others in Christ's name. Unlabeled cash offerings support our discretionary outreach ministries.

Offertory Anthem

Sing to the Lord a new song

Robert Lau

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving S 120

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.

Celebrant: 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:

Sanctus S 125

**All: 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer A (People stand or kneel as able.)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; 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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **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 Fraction *S 152*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Invitation

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for holy people.

You are welcome at God's table! If mobility is a concern, ask an usher for Communion at your seat. Receive wine by drinking from the common cup or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the Communion Bowl. A grape juice bowl (lighter colored liquid) is offered and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to signal that to the priest.

Communion Hymn #577

God is love, and where true love is

Ubi Caritas (Murray)

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

Blessing

Celebrant: May the Blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2. Lead us now, Lord, in - to free - dom, From de - spair your
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease; That re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned; Pride of sta - tus, race or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
All may come and go in peace. Show us how through
Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
Bring the life of Christ to mind: That by our re -



love and ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness Fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice Earth its des - tin - y may find.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

The postlude is an integral part of our worship. We invite you to remain in worship through the postlude.

Postlude (see insert note)

Litanies

Jehan Alain