Trinity Church

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 a.m.

Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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9:30a.m. Twenty-second 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	*A Mighty Fortress*	Michael Praetorius

Opening Hymn ***#423***	***Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise***	***St. Denio***

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)*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Lessons of the Day

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

Reader: A reading from the book of Leviticus.
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 1

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



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1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and on this law they meditate day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader: A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *#467* ***Sing, my soul, His wondrous love*** ***St. Bees***

Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

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.

Intercession Prayers	*Form 6, BCP*

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 Church of the Province of Central Africa; St. Dunstan's Church, Waitsfield; Beth Mapes, Senior Warden.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for: Pope Leo who was diagnosed with lung cancer, Catherine, Gary, 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: in celebration of the marriage between Cameron James Slenker and Zoe Michelle Willson that occurred on Friday, October 23rd, 2026 and for whom the altar flowers have been given; for Brian & Shannon Hill, Patricia Proulx, Pamela Proulx, Fred Brinckerhoff, Michael Carroll, and Tracy Coburn. 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence in all of our steps so that we may tend your creation gently, that no one may suffer from our abuse of your good gifts, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon: 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.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Christ is made the sure foundation* Dale Wood

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 Motet	*Where charity and love prevail*	Dom Paul Benoit

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and ever-living 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.**

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers *(when visitors are scheduled)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn ***#688***	***A mighty Fortress is our God***	***Ein' feste Burg***

Dismissal

Deacon: Dismissal.

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	*Finale from the Partita on "A mighty Fortress"*	Andrew Clarke