



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF CREATION (ADVOCATE)

September 27, 2026, 10:30am

Holy Eucharist II

Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Trinity. We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in person or via the livestream, you are welcome here.



We would love to get to know you!

SCAN HERE to fill out a connect card and let us know how we can get in touch with you. We look forward to getting to know you!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome to remain with you during the service. Activity bags are available at the back of the church. Children are also welcome to join Children's Chapel or the Nursery. Please ask an usher if you need help finding these areas.

Children's Chapel is a special time for children ages 4 through 4th grade. Parents may drop off their child in the lower-level parish hall between 10:15–10:30am. During this time, children hear Bible stories, enjoy a snack, create simple crafts, and pray together. They return to the main service just before Communion. Parents are always welcome to join.

Nursery care is available for children ages 0–3 beginning at 10:15am in the lower-level parish hall.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE "Like the First Bird" by Alfred V. Fedak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 427 When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest This is the day the Creator has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray. O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

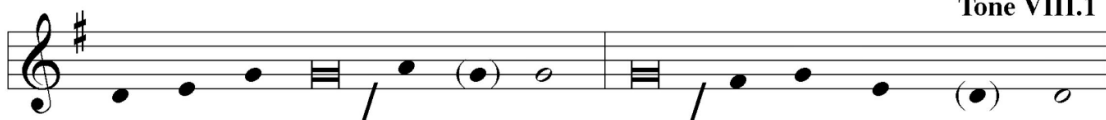
Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the

staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
The Word of the Lord. **People** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Tone VIII.1



- 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 myster/ies of ancient times.
- 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.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their / forefathers,*
 in the land of Egypt, in the / field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let / them pass through;***
 he made the waters / stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a / cloud by day,*
 and all the night through / with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the / wilderness***
 and gave them drink as / from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the / cliff,*
 and the waters gushed / out like rivers.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

HYMN 531 O Spirit of the living God

Melcombe

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

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say,

‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Amy Cook

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

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THE CONFESSION

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THE PEACE

Priest

Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another. The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

“Lead me, Lord” by Samuel Wesley



To give online, please scan the QR code.

All persons who have been baptized are welcome to communion in

The Episcopal Church. If you have not been baptized, please come up to the priest, fold your hands across your chest, and receive a

*blessing. At the altar, we offer the bread, and you may choose to drink from the communal chalice or dip it in the intinction cup. **Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please tell the usher as they take up the offering.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him, above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Priest And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Priest Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Priest Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Priest As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

People **Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.**

May your day dawn,

your will be done,

here as in heaven.

Feed us today,

and forgive us as we forgive each other.

Do not forsake us at the test,

but deliver us from evil.

For the glory, the power,

and the mercy are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

FRACTION

Priest This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN 416 For the beauty of the earth *Lucerna Laudoniae*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

People Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Priest Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN 450 All hail the power of Jesus' name! *Coronation*

DISMISSAL

Vergers Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Unto All the World" by Christopher Neal

We invite you to join us in the parish hall for coffee hour!

The altar flowers are given by Lisa Estes-Cheatham in honor of Jerry's birthday.

Parish announcements begin on the next page →

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming

Sep. 27, 3:00pm, Sunday Afternoon NA Meeting, *Parish Hall*

Sep. 28, 5:00pm, Building & Grounds Meeting, *Parish Hall*

Sep. 29, 2:00pm, Jack Morris Funeral, *Kerr Bros. Funeral Home – Harrodsburg Rd.*

Sep. 30, 12:00pm, Noon Healing Service, *Church*

Oct. 6, 5:30pm, ECW Meeting, *Parish Hall*



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Help Feed Students at Western Elementary

Our first delivery of weekend meals went out this past Thursday! This year, 60 children are enrolled in Blessings in a Backpack. A gift of approximately **\$115 provides one child with weekend meals for the entire school year**, and donations of any amount are welcome.

Today is the final day to contribute. Give by cash or check with “Blessings in a Backpack” in the memo line, or select the Blessings in a Backpack Fund through our online giving portal. Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry!

Taking the Next Step in Your Faith

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will visit Holy Trinity on **Sunday, October 18**, and during his visit there will still be an opportunity for adults who are already confirmed in another Christian tradition to be **received into the Episcopal Church**, or for Episcopalians who wish to renew their commitment to faith to be **reaffirmed**.

For those interested in **Confirmation**, the next opportunity for both youth and adults will be at **St. George’s Day at the Cathedral Domain in April**.

Historic Church and Cemetery Tour

Holy Trinity will be one of the stops on the Scott County Public Library's Historic Church and Cemetery Tour on **Saturday, October 10!** The tour will offer participants an opportunity to learn more about the history of churches and cemeteries throughout our community.

We are looking for one or two volunteers to be at Holy Trinity during the tour to welcome visitors and share some of our church's history. **If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.**

ECW is going to The Glitz!!

Join us **Nov 5 at 11:30am** for a three-course lunch at The Glitz. Before or after lunch, you'll have the chance to **browse the expansive Irish Acres Gallery**. If you love Christmas décor, this is the trip for YOU! You're welcome to carpool with others from the church. **The price for lunch is \$49.50 per person.** Please make your reservation and payment through the office.

Vestry and Diocesan Convention Nominations

Would you consider serving Holy Trinity as a Vestry member or Diocesan Convention deputy? We are seeking nominations for **three open Vestry seats** and for deputies to represent the parish at the **Diocesan Convention in fall 2028**.

Who may serve? Nominees should be active members in good standing of Holy Trinity who take part in worship and parish life and support the church's ministry. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, the church office can help.

Vestry members serve **three-year terms**, attending regular meetings and working with the rector to guide the parish's ministry, finances, and property. Convention deputies attend the convention, learn about matters before the diocese, and represent Holy Trinity in discussions and votes.

Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or someone who is willing to serve. Send nominations to **office@holytrinitygt.org**. Elections will take place at the parish meeting on **Sunday, November 15**.

Prayer List: Trisa, Arthur, Sandra, Lisa, Emily, Sandy, Steve, Larry, Joseph, Ellie, Lynn, Andrea, Kerri, Dotty, Patsy, Wanda, Ted, Lynette, Taylor, Liz, Phillip, Joyce, James, Aaron, and Ian.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

September 7 Dick Rawdon

September 7 Paul Stevens

September 10 Tony Placido

September 17 Laura Kirby

September 21 Jeb Blankenship

September 23 Peter Knapp

September 26 Jerry Cheatham

September 29 Lin Foley

October 2 Gui Cozzi

October 8 Nancy Leonard

October 15 Caleb McClellan

October 21 Audrey Cozzi

October 23 Emily Rawdon

October 28 Meghan Knapp



MINISTRY & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The Rev. Karen W. Booth, *Rector*

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