

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 – PENTECOST 16/PROPER 19 – YEAR A 8:30 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Celebrant & Preacher – The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery

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WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. Masks are optional within the Cathedral buildings (with the exception of the Academy Pre-School.) Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces.

If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this will help. For sanitary purposes, all of our prayers are printed in this bulletin.

Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship. "This is how we love one another!"

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Liturgy of the Word

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand. as able **Processional Hymn** Hymnal # 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty vs. 1 & 4 1 4 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health All that hath life and breath come now with and salvation: praises before him! join the great throng, Let the amen sound from his people again; psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration. gladly for ever adore him.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People*: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say together Gloria in Excelsis

Prelude

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And with thy spirit.Celebrant:Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated First Reading A Reading from the book of Exodus (14:19-31)

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

All remain seated to say **Psalm 114**

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion. The sea beheld it and fled: * Jordan turned and went back. The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back? You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob, Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Remain seated Second Reading A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome (14:1-12)

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.

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

All stand, as able Sequence Hymn Hymnal # 674 vs. 1 & 4

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

4

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, reconciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

Remain standing The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

All stand, as able Nicene Creed

The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery Priest Associate

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.

Remain standing **Prayers of the People** The Leader and People pray responsively

Lector: Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

Lector: For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation: for their safety and well-being, for the relief of their sufferings, for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst, and for the overcoming of enmity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Lector: We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Lector: For those peoples we have come to view as enemies: for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship, let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Lector: For the churches of the world, let us pray: for the healing of divisions, for growth in understanding, for devotion to the truth of the gospel, for our mutual enrichment, and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including David, Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Members and Ministry of the Human Trafficking Task Force. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Lector: For our homes and families: for an end to feuds, for release from the cycle of violence, for the healing of painful memories, for forgiveness and peace between those who injure, for patience in bearing with one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with Michele Suydam, Lamont, Cassandra Comrie, Deneen Lopez, the Lopez family, Ellen Wanser, the Ames family, the Summers family, Victoria Jones, the families of those lost in Jacksonville, those affected by the Florida hurricane, Sandra Flowers, Bishop Donald Hilliard, Elsie Nelson Pilgrim, Donna Miller, Coniece Washington, Hawthorne Singleton, Theresa Barnaby, Kim Ayotte Wittmann, the Wittmann family, the people of Morocco and Libya, the Crump family and the Feagin family . Let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially John W. Feagin, Sr., Hugh Douglas, Stephen Wittmann, Christion Files, Jr., Queen Robinson, Alyce Crump, the victims of violence in Trenton, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate

birthdays and anniversaries this week: Alex Zilinski, Al Shaw, David Harper, Linda Johnson, Michael Thomas Moore and Irene Sanz. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: We beseech you, O Lord.

Silence, as the people add their own petitions

Celebrant: Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. Silence may be kept.

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

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The PeaceCelebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And with thy spirit.

Holy Communion

Remain standing Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 593 vs. 1, 2 & 3

1

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

2

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;

Remain standing **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II**

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People:	It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All say together Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

All kneel or stand, as able

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

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

All say together Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The People may join in saying

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

All say together **Post-communion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn	Hymnal # 603 vs. 1 & 2	When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth
1		2
When Christ was lifted from the earth,		Still east and west his love extends
his arms stretched out above		and always, near or far,
through every culture, every birth,		he calls and claims us as his friends
to draw an answering love.		and loves us as we are.

Blessing

Bishop: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

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Following Christ, joining the Cathedral – We invite you to accept the invitation to follow Christ, to become a Christian and to become a member of Trinity Cathedral. We encourage you to fill in one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or please contact one of the clergy.

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<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 9/24 are: **Youth for Family Sunday**

Trinity parishioner John Gummere will be showing his paintings in a solo exhibit at the Trenton Social, October 6 - 31, with an opening reception Friday October 6, 6pm - 11pm. The Trenton Social is located at 449 South Broad Street, near US1 and Sacred Heart Church. 10% of any sales will benefit Urban Promise Trenton. John's work is online at <u>be.net/JohnGummere</u> — if any questions he can be reached at 215-817-8531.

UrbanPromise Trenton: Always looking for folks willing to donate an hour per week to work with the children. Priorities are READING and other basic skills that fell behind during COVID on-line learning in the elementary years. There are two 'enrichment' activities that are looking for a volunteer: one is financial literacy for middle schoolers (grades 5-6). We have a well-written curriculum, but we need someone who is comfortable with the contents and working with children of this age. You can take a look at the material before committing! Also looking for someone who loves doing crafts; we have lots of materials, and can order specifics if needed. You can ask for a tour of what we have before committing. Contact me at: <u>gbkoenig@verizon.net</u> or (609) 273-3351 ~ Georgia

Join us for Sunday Hospitality! – Enjoy coffee, cold drinks and snacks each week. On the first Sunday of each month, we will have cake to celebrate all of our congregants' birthdays for that month. If you would like to help out with Hospitality hour, please speak with Larry Spears on Sundays.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, September 23rd (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. All food contributions to the Pantry are welcomed, along with monetary donations to purchase additional food from the food bank and local groceries.

Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners "to go" from 5:00–6:00pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

The Cathedral is currently offering communion with both Christ's Body and Blood. You may choose to receive only the host at this time. Should you choose to receive the wine, one vessel will be offered for those who want to sip the wine from the common cup. Another vessel will be offered for those who wish to receive by intinction (the host dipped in the wine.) Please note only the Chalice Administrator will intinct the host. (Diocese of New Jersey revised protocols.)



THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

<u>TODAY (9/17)</u> 9:15 am	Pentecost 16/Proper 19 ~ Altar Guild Shop open
8:30 am	Choir warm-up Rite I Eucharist in All Saints' Chapel (in-person only)
10:00 am	Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)
11:15 – 12:15 pm	Choir rehearsal
<u>Tues. (9/19)</u>	
9 – 9:45 am	Weekly Zoom check-in for parishioners: For more info. on how to join us, call or text Nancy Hood-Boczar at (267) 614-5746, or E-mail shaktisocialwork4@hotmail.com
Wed. (9/20)	
12:10 pm	Healing Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)
Thurs. (9/21) 5:00 pm 8 – 8:30 pm	TASK Meals – SH Society of Mary Rosary Devotions, via Zoom and phone access: Please E-mail Erica Warner at <u>vassose@aol.com for information on how to join us</u>
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<u>Sat. (9/23)</u>	Trinity Strings Music Lessons resume
9 – 11:00 am	Diocesan Hispanic Workshop – CHP/SH Food Pantry
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Memorial Service - CATH
<u>Sun. (9/24)</u> 10:00 am	Pentecost 17/Proper 20 ~ Family Sunday Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)