

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 21 ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2



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September 27, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

310 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie, OK

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PRELUDE

Linda Trammell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

(At the sound of the bell, please stand if able, turn, and face the Baptismal Font.)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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

HYMNAL 435

“At The Name of Jesus”
(verses 1-4)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

DIANE FOSMIRE

(Children are invited to come forward for a brief scripture reflection.)

FIRST READING:

(The people sit.)

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 25:1-8

Lector The psalm is read responsively by half verse.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

SECOND READING:

(The people sit.)

Philippians 2:1-13

Lector A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(All stand, if able.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMNAL 574

“Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”

(verses 1-2 before Gospel; verses 3-4 after Gospel)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

(All stand if able, turn, and face the Gospel)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. ROBBY TRAMMELL

(Silence may follow)

(All stand, if able.)

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**FORM IV, BCP 388**

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| Leader | Let us pray for the church and the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
<i>(Silence)</i> |
| Leader | Lord, in your mercy. |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Leader | Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
<i>(Silence)</i> |
| Leader | Lord, in your mercy. |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Leader | Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your glory.
<i>(Silence)</i> |
| Leader | Lord, in your mercy. |
| People | Hear our prayer.
<i>(Silence)</i> |
| Leader | Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve
Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
<i>(Silence)</i> |
| Leader | Lord, in your mercy. |
| People | Hear our prayer. |

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God. We pray for Shawn, our presiding bishop, and Poulson, our bishop; Rocio, our deacon, Diane, our diaconal intern, and Robby, our priest, and for Trinity and this congregation, and on the Diocesan cycle of prayer: Holland Hall School, Tulsa; Casady School, Oklahoma City; Oak Hall School, Ardmore, and The Church of Bangladesh.

(Silence)

Leader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Remembering those on our church prayer list: Ronny, Eve, Hayden, Griffin, Hollis, Marjorie, Donna, Ann, Kitty, Aaron, Keith, Joe, Stef, Max, Dan, Gwendolyn, Jeanie, Susan, Kathy, Claire, Harbor Home, and Hope House.

(Silence)

Leader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died (especially ...), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Leader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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

(Silence may be kept.)

All: 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.

(The Priest stands and says)

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

BCP 360

(All stand.)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

*(Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Greetings, Special Prayers, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings follow.)*

SPECIAL PRAYERS: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OTHER PETITIONS

All: **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

OFFERTORY HYMN

INSERT

“Trust and Obey”

PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMNAL 380, VERSE 3

**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. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B, BCP 367

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 him 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:

**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.**

(The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you; In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

(Celebrant and People)

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

(The Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with (_____ and) all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All baptized, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive wine and bread from the Lord's table at the altar rail or the standing station near the pulpit.

(Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive only a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available for those who request it. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to where you are seated.)

PRAYER CANDLE LIGHTING

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a silent prayer of need or thanksgiving while lighting a candle and then placing it in the sand container at the front.

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN 344

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 450

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
(verses 1-3 and 6)

DISMISSAL

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

(Everyone invited into Brooke Hall for food and fellowship!)

Weekly Announcements

Trinity’s Worship Services

You are invited to worship at Trinity in our historic sanctuary each week: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays; Adult Forum at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays; Children’s Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; a women’s Bible study from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays; and midweek Prayer Service with Holy Communion at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Trinity has a rich history; it was the first organized Episcopal Congregation in the Oklahoma Territory, founded in 1889, and is known as the “Territorial Cathedral.”

Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with setup at 10 a.m. and lunch at Trinity’s annual Community Pet Blessing service on October 10 at Mineral Wells Park. The sign-up sheet for helpers is available in Brooke Hall. Bring your Pets and invite your neighbors and friends.

THANKSGIVINGS: **Happy Birthday:** Brenda McCormack (10/1)
 Happy Anniversary:

UPCOMING EVENTS: **September 29:** Saint Michael and All Angels, church calendar.
 October 2-3: Diocesan Convention, St. Crispin’s, Seminole.
 October 9: Trinity’s **Music Fest social**, 7-9 p.m.; bring guests.
 October 10: Trinity’s Community **Pet Blessing**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Mineral Wells Park, South Division Street.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 27

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Robby Trammell</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Rev. Rocio Lopez</i>
<i>Diaconal Intern</i>	<i>Diane Fosmire</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Joe Tripodi, Harley Campbell & Pam Alltizer</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Sabreena Burks</i>
<i>Organist & Music Director</i>	<i>Brenda McCormack</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Michael McCormack</i>
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Pam Alltizer, Diane Fosmire & Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Amanda Friese & Jody Noerdlinger</i>
<i>BC Committee</i>	<i>Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Pam Alltizer & Joe Tripodi</i>
<i>Coffee, food & fellowship</i>	<i>Holy Hospitality Ministry</i>

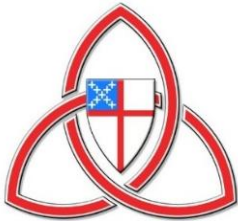


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9:30 a.m. ~ Children Sunday School & Adult Forum.
10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Holy Eucharist.
6 p.m. ~ Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays.
12 noon ~ Prayer Service/Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays.

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