
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2024 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

We Thank You, Lord, BWV 29

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebekah LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

One: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.

One: We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

All: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: Let us praise our Creator together in joy.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#317 In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT

Martha Craft & Tom Owens

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Lucy Strong

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Prayer of Confession prepared by PC(USA) global partners for World Communion Sunday)

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. Friends, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

(may be found as stanza 1 of Hymn #435)

OLD TESTAMENT RESPONSIVE READING (Psalm 8)

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

All: to silence the enemy and the avenger.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

One: all sheep and oxen,

All: and also the beasts of the field,

One: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

All: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

One: O Lord, our Sovereign,

All: how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 22:34-40

(pew Bible, NT p. 25)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

Whole Faith:

Love with Heart

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Emily Beaver

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

HENSON

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

(may be found as stanza 6 of Hymn #697)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

& THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: From every place on this planet, we turn our face to you, O God. Gather all your people together to pray.

All: In the midst of the forces which would separate us, bind us in your love as the Church, together.

One: Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered, no matter how we gather, with the truth of your presence.

All: In a world aching to be made new, we cry out with those who suffer the pains of what powers and principalities extract from the world's poorest.

One: We cry out with those suffering from illness and disease, at whom the world turns a callous glance.

All: We cry out with those stinging from the sins of racism and injustice.

One: We cry out with those seeking justice, equality, and peace — peace, at all times, in all ways.

All: In a world stretching toward wholeness, we celebrate with those whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit and seek to share in your call to partnership.

One: We celebrate with those whose efforts are making the world new.

All: We celebrate with all who gather earnestly to seek your transforming work in the world.

One: As we bring you our thanks and our praise, O God, we pray:

All: Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table, where all are welcomed and all are fed.

One: Make us a people who grow your family by practices of mutuality, generosity and justice. And may we be found to be witnesses, when Jesus returns, to the truth of who we were created to be — people who belong to each other, people who belong to you, O God, in your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and take a cup from the tray. Cups of grape juice are located on the outer edge, and wine is located on the inner section of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available on the Communion table. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

As we share the holy meal, all are invited to sing as we partake of the sacrament.

#507 Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

#525 Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

LET US BREAK BREAD

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY Milburn Price

Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord?

Do not I love thee, O my Lord? Behold my heart, and see; and turn each cursed idol out that dares to rival thee. Do not I love thee from my soul? Then let me nothing love; dead be my heart to every joy, when Jesus cannot move. Thou know'st I love thee, dearest Lord, but, O! I long to soar far from the sphere of mortal joys, and learn to love thee more. Do not I love thee, O my Lord?

+DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN FOR EVERYONE BORN
#769 For Everyone Born

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Henry Purcell
The Peace of God

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY Jean Langlais
Suite Mèdievale

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP	MUSICIANS
Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon <i>Senior Pastor</i>	The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church Norman Mackenzie, <i>Organist and Director of Music and Arts</i>
Rev. Lucy Strong <i>Associate Pastor for Mission & Engagement</i>	Joel Craft, <i>flutist</i>
Rev. Emily Beaver <i>Associate Pastor for Family Ministries</i>	FLOWERS
Alton & Blanchard Farr <i>Acolytes</i>	The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Suzanne Addicks and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gil Addicks.

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Children and Worship

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds D102
Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) D106

Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor at the addresses on the back of the bulletin or call 404-237-6491.

Counseling

Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling: Morgan DiOrio, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families (678-935-6472), Christi Bartolomucci, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (770-293-1950 ext. 210), Elizabeth Earhart, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults(404-631-7934). Contact a pastor for more information and referral assistance.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are laity, trained and committed to providing fully confidential, one-to-one, Christian caregiving and support to those experiencing difficult times. To make an inquiry for, or about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of the pastors or email us at: stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org; Cindy Stancil at cindy.stancil@comcast.net or Scott Calhoun at sdc@hpsslaw.com.

Livestream

We livestream our worship services and provide online playback on demand. We also take videos and photos from time to time in the church (interior and exterior). With your presence, you grant Trinity Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness in communications related to the church. If you prefer to sit outside camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

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