

# *Trinity Church Welcomes You*

## **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Saturday, September 17, 2022

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\*Indicates standing as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

**We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.**

Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

**We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.**

Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

**We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.**

1. Rise up, O men of God!  
Have done with lesser things.  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength  
to serve the King of kings.

3. Rise up, O men of God!  
The church for you doth wait,  
her strength unequal to her task;  
rise up, and make her great!

4. Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod.  
As brother of the Son of Man,  
rise up, O men of God!

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## **OPENING PRAYER**

**God of power and mercy,  
only with your help  
can we offer you fitting service and praise.  
May we live the faith we profess  
and trust your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/opening-prayer-only-with-your-help.html>.

## **FIRST READING**

*Amos 8: 4-7*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

God’s Word for God’s People

**PSALM***Psalm 113*

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING***1 Timothy 2: 1-7*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

God's Word for God's People

**\*GOSPEL READING***Luke 16: 1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked

another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord

## SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

## HYMN

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

UMH #175

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills the breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.
2. O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art!  
How good to those who seek!
4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
and through eternity.

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## \*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(Adapted by P. Hukki.)

Lord, we would follow you. Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray. Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way. Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold. Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.

Written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/prayer-lord-we-would-follow-you.html>.

**My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.  
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,  
Gathering us in to the people of God.  
Rejoice! God forgives you all your sins, +in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Written by Henrietta Stith Andrews, in From Despair to Rejoicing: Service Prayers for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/confession-luke-15-1-10.html>.

## **OFFERING**

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

(A reminder: Checks or envelopes for Grace will go to Grace. Loose cash will go with Trinity's offering.) The question remains for each of us, apart from this continued support, how, and what, else am I called to give for the sake of the world? Let us prayerfully discern what is ours to keep, and where the rest shall be given.

**\*OFFERING**    *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
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.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied. The Body & Blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*O Zion, Haste*

UMH # 573

1. O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is light,  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

*Refrain*

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

3. Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that we might live above. [*Refrain*]

## **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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