



# Trinity Episcopal "Old Swedes" Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Celebrant: Rev Ellen Rutherford

## The Holy Eucharist - Rite 2, Track 1

### Opening Hymn – 8, Morning has broken

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass,  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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

*The Celebrant and People say*

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.*

## **Gloria: S280**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

## **Collect**

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,  
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."  
Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,  
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you,  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord."  
Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,  
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 71:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
**let me never be ashamed.**

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
**incline your ear to me and save me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
**you are my crag and my stronghold.**

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
**from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
**my confidence since I was young.**

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
**my praise shall be always of you.**

## A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Hymn – 567, Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,



o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed  
eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke.

**People:** **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

## Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: Praise to You Lord Christ.

## Sermon – The Rev. Ellen Rutherford

(A few minutes of meditative silence follows the sermon)

### The Nicene Creed

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.

### Prayers of the People Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on our Trinity Parish Prayer List: Ben Kunkle, Jake Johnston, Joanie Randall, Elaine Matteo, Patrick Eddis, Sybil Girard, John, Jim Bodenstedt and Elizabeth Joan Ferguson.

We pray for your protection over those in military service, including Michael Luth and Sarah Hazelwood.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

#### **Trinity Parish Prayer:**

**Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayer for the Trinity Parish Family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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*

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

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

## Announcements

### Virtual Offering Plate

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*Please stand for the presentation of the offering*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

*Minister:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Liturgy of the Table - Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....**

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:



## Sanctus – 129

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 may 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 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.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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!**

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.

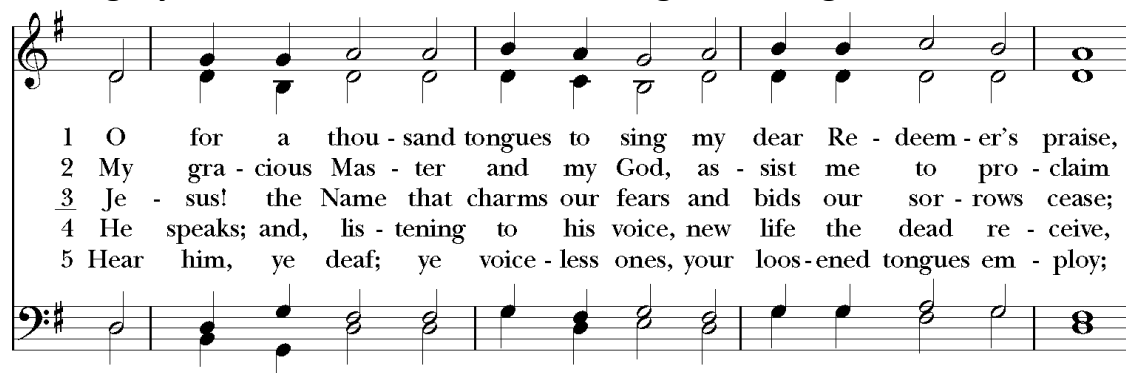
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

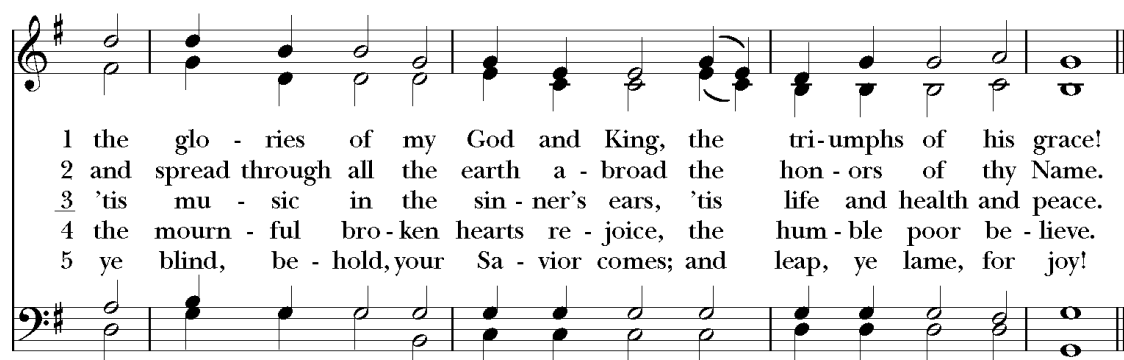
**Almighty and ever living God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

## Closing Hymn – 493, O for a thousand tongues to sing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heaven.

*Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*

*People Thanks be to God!*

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### Today's Participants

Celebrant – Rev Ellen Rutherford

Lay Minister – Bob Fritz

Music – Paul Marchesano

Altar Guild: Florence Busza

Coffee Hour: Ginny Johnston

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# Trinity Announcements

## Welcome!

We welcome back Paul Marchesano as our Supply Pianist while Jay is out.

## Shout-out to Judy Fitzgerald

We thank Judy for donating the Forward Day by Day quarterly pamphlets in the back of the Parish Hall. Please take one to read!

## Planning for Church Picnic on Sep 7<sup>th</sup>

We want to celebrate the return of those who have been at the shore and on vacation as we move back to the Church after Labor Day for Sunday services. Ginny has a sign-up sheet for food, drinks, desserts and paper products.

## Swedesboro Day

Volunteers are needed to help staff Trinity's table at the annual Swedesboro Day scheduled on Saturday Sep 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. You can work for just a few hours or for the entire time. Ginny Johnston, Cindi Poole and Ellen Goldblat are organizing Trinity's participation and free Trinity T-Shirts are provided. More information to come!