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The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Year A, Proper 22

October 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Prayer – Hybrid

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We are glad you are here. If you are online, please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are online reading a lesson, or offering an intercession or thanksgiving during the prayers, please unmute yourself; then re-mute.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Opening Sentence

Officiant

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

Confession of Sin

Officiant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love
 and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution/Prayer for Forgiveness

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst:

People O come let us worship.

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst:

People O come let us worship.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 80:7-14 Qui regis Israel

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Doxology

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Sue Rivers

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother

Isaiah 66:10-14

All Say

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *
all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, *
all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight *
from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, *
"I will extend peace to her like a river,
the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

"You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and you shall nestle in her lap.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

"You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Catherine Weiner

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector : Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

A Song of Our Adoption

Ephesians 1:3-10

All Say

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ,*
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,*
according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace,*
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,
according to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Alex Sigrist

(In Morning Prayer, all remain seated while the Gospel is read by a layperson.)

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Lector : Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon

Diane Rooney

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, standing as able

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Human Family

Said in Unison

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

Said in Unison

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Said in Unison

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Office/Offertory Hymn

Open your ears, O faithful people

Hymnal 536



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



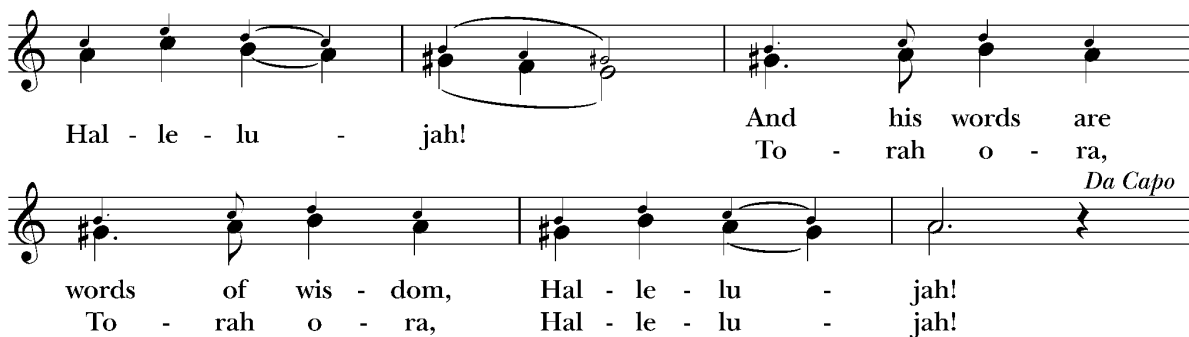
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

Local Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

*Please remember to **unmute** before speaking in the **silence that follows each bidding.***

We remember St. Mark’s, Springfield; Marianne McCarthy, Senior Warden in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

We pray for all who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially those we now name ...

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially those we now name ...

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially those we now name ...

I invite your additional prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time. ...

Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

Sending Hymn

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Hymnal 495



1	Hail, thou	once de	-	spis - ed	Je - sus!	Hail, thou	Gal - i -
2	Pas - chal	Lamb, by		God ap -	point - ed,	all our	sins on
3	Je - sus,	hail! en	-	throned in	glo - ry,	there for	ev - er
*4	Wor - ship,	hon - or,		power, and	bless - ing	thou art	wor - thy



le - an	King!	Thou didst	suf - fer	to re -	lease us;
thee were	laid:	by al -	might - y	love a -	noint - ed,
to a -	bide;	all the	heaven - ly	hosts a -	dore thee,
to re -	ceive;	high - est	prais - es,	with - out	ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Postlude

Announcements

Calendar

Today: Coffee Hour in the McClure Room

Tuesday: Book Group, 5:00 PM on Zoom, (dianerooney123@gmail.com)

October 10: Fall Cleanup, 9:00 AM

Next Sunday: Sunday School, Holy Eucharist, Coffee Hour

October 17: Craft Making Day, 10:00 AM

Trinity Book Group

Our Book Group meets on Zoom on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. We have chosen to read the book by Sara Miles titled *"Take this Bread"*. We will begin our discussions of this book on Tuesday October 6th. Hoping you can join us. If you know of others who might want to participate, please have them contact Diane Rooney at dianerooney123@gmail.com

Fall Cleanup at Trinity

Join the Fall Grounds Cleanup October 10

Trinity will hold its fall cleanup of the church grounds from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, October 10. Please come with any tools you have -- rakes, clippers, shovels, trimmers, etc. We'll get beds ready for winter, trim and prune. We got a great start on cleaning up the church grounds this spring and inside the church this summer so let's keep up the momentum! Please contact Sarah Ray at sclarksonray@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Trinity Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Outreach Committee is planning our Trinity Bazaar and Craft Fair on December 5th, 2026 from 9am to 2 pm. Mark your calendars. We are hoping to have people donate crafts, gift baskets and gift certificates to sell or for our silent auction. The money raised supports our Outreach activities.

There will be a craft making day to create items for the Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday October 17 from 10 am to 2. All supplies will be provided

Trinity's Counters Need a New Team Member

If you're available to join the team of counters, please contact Sandy Walsh at vtgrammy@live.com.

St. Andrew's YouTube

St. Andrew's YouTube page is <http://www.youtube.com/@standrewsvtorg> for those who might want to watch Fr. Tommy's sermons.