

# PENTECOST 14

MORNING PRAYER



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Holy Trinity is an affirming and inclusive Christian community. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries. Regardless of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability, we believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

(When the Prelude begins, please convert any conversation you may be having into a conversation with God. Where indicated, please respond aloud with the **bolded** text.)

### The Prelude

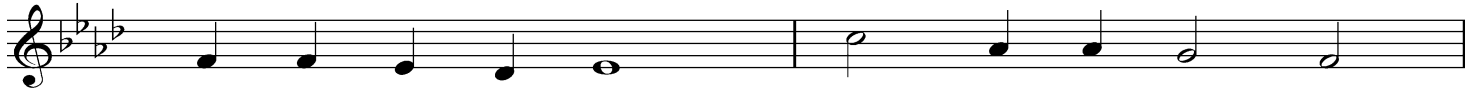
(Please stand as you are able for the Processional Hymn.)

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*Come, Labor On*



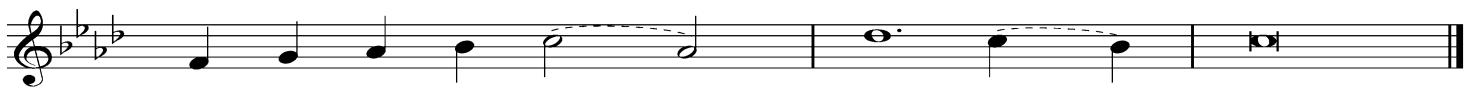
1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
<u>3</u>	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
<u>3</u>	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
<u>3</u>	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a - gents	
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	“Go	work	to	- day.”
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered	not.		
<u>3</u>	may	our	God	ful - fill	his	right - eous	will.	
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly.	The	night	draws	nigh.
5	with	the	set - ting	sun,	_____	“Ser - vants,	well	done.”

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

*The Confession of Sin*

*(Please kneel as you are able.)*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together: 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. 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.**

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.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

*The Invitatory and Psalter*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Officiant and People: (*Venite*)

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: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

*(Please be seated for the Lessons.)*

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
**and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
**continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
**his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**

Israel came into Egypt, \*  
**and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
**he made them stronger than their enemies;**

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
**and dealt unjustly with his servants.**

He sent Moses his servant, \*  
**and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the

Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 (*The First Song of Isaiah*)

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, \*

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from Romans (12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 15** (*The Song of Mary*)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**  
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
**the Almighty has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his Name.**  
 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
**in every generation.**  
 He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**  
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
**and has lifted up the lowly.**  
 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**  
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
 The promise he made to our fathers, \***  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

SANC #114

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

1 Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
 2 Praise him, Lord a - bove all lords, King a - bove



Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em the  
all kings, God's on - ly Son,

man - u - el, Prince of Peace, God is with us, bless - ed Re -  
who by his Spir - it comes to live

deem - er, Liv - ing Word.  
in us, Mas - ter and Friend.

Text and music: Naida Hearn (1944-2001)

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### A Reading from Matthew (16:21:28)

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## **The 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 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.**

## **The Prayers**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **Suffrages B**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

I invite you now to add your own prayer requests and thanksgivings – either aloud, silently, or typed in the chat bar. *(A short silence is kept.)*

Officiant: 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.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayer for Mission**

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.**

### **The Collect for Labor Day**

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, **Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Officiant and People:** 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.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

## Announcements

By Jan Harrington

*Tell My People*

REFRAIN:

Tell my people I love them,  
Tell my people I care.  
When they feel far away from me,  
Tell my people I am there.

Verse #1:

Tell my people I came and died  
To give them liberty,  
And to abide in me  
Is to be really free.

REFRAIN:

Tell my people I love them,  
Tell my people I care.  
When they feel far away from me,  
Tell my people I am there.

Verse #2:

Tell my people Where e'r they go  
My comfort they can know,  
My peace and joy and love  
I freely will bestow.

REFRAIN:

Tell my people I love them,  
Tell my people I care.  
When they feel far away from me,  
Tell my people I am there.

## Lay Ministry Schedule

Date	Old Testament / Epistle/Psalm	Prayers of the People	Coffee Hour	Altar Guild	Greeters	Video/Sound Board
9/3/23	Kevin Wells (Morning Prayer)	N/A	Volunteer Needed	Barb A. and Melissa	Nancy and Bill Atwell	Maggie Gonzalez
9/10/23	Susan Moore	Volunteer Needed	N/A	Lisa and Troy	Lorrie Dykstra and Sue Hibbert	Maggie Gonzalez
9/17/23	Cesar Gonzalez	Lynda Adams	Volunteer Needed	Barb K. and Lynda	Becky Wells and Linda Kitsch	Maggie Gonzalez

## Announcements and Reminders

### ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Thank you for joining us! **Please** sign our guest book out in the Narthex (foyer), next to the church office door. We hope you enjoyed our service. Please let us know how we can help meet your spiritual needs.

**FREE WIFI!** Connect to Holy Trinity Guest wifi using password: Hallelujah



*Coffee Hour*

**Coffee Hour 10 am to 11 am in the Undercroft:** We are looking for volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Coffee hour has open spots to sign up for every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. If you need coffee hour "training," please see Becky.



**Good News Garden:** Thank you to Landon Atwell for watering the Good News Garden this week.

The fresh produce harvested from this garden goes directly to the Green Apple Pantry and into the hands of local families facing food insecurity. Please contact Kevin Wells if you too would like to do as Landon did and help us help others.



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**Sock It To Me:** This week another delivery of new socks was made to In The Image which brought our grand total up to 460 pairs of socks. In addition to this we also presented to In The Image a cash donation of \$500.00. These donations will be used for their annual S.H.O.E.S. Campaign which provides a pair of shoes and socks to school-aged children in Kent County at no charge.

If you or someone you know could use a little extra help getting their kids ready for the school year, go to <http://www.InTheImage.org> to get more info and schedule an appointment. Also, this organization is in need of more volunteers this month to help with this effort and the website has links for those interested in helping.

Our "Sock-It-To-Me" summer program runs through Labor Day and the Outreach Committee appreciates your generosity.

### **Readings for next Sunday are...**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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### **Office Hours:**

***Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-12pm***

***With God's help, we will...  
Seek Christ in all persons;  
Serve others;  
And strive to be a vibrant,  
growing, and visible  
Episcopal community of faith.***



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