The Liturgy for Holy Baptism and Celebration of Holy Communion

9:30 a.m.  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 30, 2023

If you are visiting or worshipping at Trinity for the first time, we welcome you. We would love to get to know you and answer any questions you may have. Please introduce yourself to the greeters or complete a pew card and place it in the offertory plate. Someone on the Newcomers committee or on the Vestry will contact you. Welcome!

Holy Baptism

Voluntary  
Chorale Prelude on "Wer nur den lieben Gott" BWV 647  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 388  
O worship the King, all glorious above!  
Hanover

Presider  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider  
There is one Body and one Spirit;

People  
There is one hope in God’s call to us;

Presider  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People  
One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

All sit.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

Mirabilia
129 Your decrees are wonderful; * 
   therefore I obey them with all my heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives light; * 
   it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant; * 
   I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me in mercy, * 
   as you always do to those who love your Name.
133 Steady my footsteps in your word; * 
   let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, * 
   and I will keep your commandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant * 
   and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, * 
   because people do not keep your law.

Lesson Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that 
very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, 
knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according 
to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called 
according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed 
to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And 
those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and 
those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did 
not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us 
everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 
Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right 
hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? 
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it 
is written,

   “For your sake we are being killed all day long; 
   we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am 
convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things 
to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to
Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”
The Baptismal Covenant

Prayers for the Candidate
Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Isabelle Natalie Cierzan, daughter of Gabriella Tortorello and Kyle Cierzan, and granddaughter of Barbara and Frank Tortorello

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Be thou my vision Bob Chilcott (1955-)

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S-125

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table.

Communion Duet Give ear unto me Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
Post Communion Prayer (in unison)

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Parish in the Time of Transition

Glorious and gracious God, you have blessed Trinity Church with a goodly heritage of worship, fellowship, and service. And you have inspired our pastoral leaders, over the years, to keep us faithful to the mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to each succeeding generation. For this we are thankful. Now as we search for a new Rector, we seek your guidance and insight to help us discern whom you would have us call to be our companion, as together we go forward into the future of your advancing Kingdom. May that Priest be wise, compassionate, thoughtful, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

In the meantime, may we be strong and united in one common purpose, supporting and caring for one another and active with you in the fragile world around us.

All this we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. JDB+

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn 296
We know that Christ is raised and dies no more  Engelberg

Voluntary
Concerto No. 2 in B flat  G.F. Handel
II. Allegro  (1685-1759)

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider  Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People  Thanks be to God.

Prayers for Those in Our Parish
Trinity Welcomes the Return of The Rev. David Robinson
Our preacher and celebrant this morning is The Rev. David Robinson, a Pennsylvania native who attended Princeton Seminary before completing two theological degrees at The General Theological Seminary in New York City. After serving as Curate in State College and Rector of St. John's, Bellefonte, Pa., he came to St. Matthew's, Maple Glen in 1985 and served as Rector there until he retired in 2019. He and his wife Lynn have two children and five grandchildren. In retirement Dave enjoys furniture making, occasional outings as a guitarist, assisting at St. Matthew's twice a month, and offering occasional supply to parishes in our diocese. Favorite city abroad: Florence, Italy, with London a close runner up.

Participants in Today’s Worship
Rev David Robinson, Guest Preacher and Celebrant
Rev. Dr. John Bartle, Interim Rector Pro Tempore
Tim Harrell Organist/Choirmaster

Serving at Worship
Acolytes: Kim Laughlin Ben Throup
Ushers: John Loftus and Paul Angulo
Lector: Norman Bing
Chalice Bearers: Norman Bing and Linda Kenyon
Altar Guild: Laura Huestis
Flower Guild: Linda Kenyon
Greeters: Dottie Brown and Roger Stikeleather
Coffee Hour: Barbara and Frank Tortorello

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Julie Loftus, Warden, James Wells, Warden, Laura Huestis, Clerk, Ashley Christie, Kevin Clark, John Dey, Nancy Harrison, Kim Laughlin, Cathy Mumford, Marilyn Schuster, Matthew Summers, Bill Yandle

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