



**The Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 4, 2022**

10 a.m. Morning Prayer with music

Trinity Memorial Church

*An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York
and a Jubilee Ministry Center*

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All are welcome!

Trinity Memorial Church is **handicapped accessible**.

Enter through the glass doors on Oak Street.

A **lift** to the sanctuary level is available in the far corner of the gym.

Accessible restrooms with a **changing station** are located in the Hoyt Room through the large double doors on the right of the sanctuary.

Hearing assistive devices & large print bulletins are available. Please speak with an usher.

Parents are welcome to use the Children's Corner in the Hoyt Room.

Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the entrance to the church.

Our Mission: *To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish and community.*

Our Identity: *A diverse people responding to God through worship and music, friendship and formation, generosity and service*

The Gathering

Prelude *Prayer from Suite Gothique*

L. Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

*Please note that the text in **bold italics** is said by the whole congregation and the hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pews.*

Hymn 372

Praise to the Living God!

Leoni

Opening Sentences

(Book of Common Prayer, page 40)

Officiant

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Invitatory & Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

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

Venite Psalm 95

Read responsively

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!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 2

Read in unison

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

The Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Canticle S-280

Gloria in Excelsis

Robert Powell

***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.*

The Third Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

*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.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

which 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 power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

The Suffrages

*Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.*

*Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.*

*Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.*

*Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

*Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.*

*Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

*Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collects

Officiant

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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Prayers for our Parish

Almighty and most merciful God, we thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We pray today for your Church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dede our Bishop and Glenn our Priest and for all the lay leadership of this Parish.

We pray for peace in our world, that you would lead our elected leaders to seek justice and peace. We pray for the people of the Church of the St. Lawrence and their priest, the people of the United Ministry of Aurora. We pray for our companion diocese of El Salvador, the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania and the Anglican Church of Australia and their archbishop.

We pray for those who are ill or have asked our prayers especially: Sandra Michael, Mary Lou Faust, Nancy Campbell, Michelle, Jeremy & Kristen, Kathy and Chucky, Lawrence, Milton Fortner, Nelson Pereira, Michelle Dean, Carol Vanuga, Masha Britten, Diane Robinson, Marcy Keeler, Mason, Dorothy, John Pille, Nancy Pille, Marilyn, Yvette Bennett, Sharon Kaiser, Drieux, Sean, Dawn Roessing, Heather, Branden, Brandy, Monty, Ivan, Martha Bennett, Nigel, Stephen and Jeff and Nicole. *are there others?*

We thank you for those who are celebrating birthdays especially: Nancy Campbell, Diane Robinson, Kalima Bronson and Ann Truesdell. *are there others?*

We thank you for those who are celebrating anniversaries especially: Paul and Nicole Huff, David and Amy Palmer and Chris Brown and Lori Bass-Brown.

We pray for those who have died: Bernice Georges, Dorothy Hatounian, Conrad and Virginia Klee, Constance K. Foulkes and Thomas B. Evans in whose memory the flowers on the altar have been given.

Let your name be glorified in all that we do, may we walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*

The Offertory Sentence

Officiant

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (*Hebrews 13:15-16*)

Offertory **“I am the Shepherd”**

T. Fettke

Quartet sung by: *Kathryn Bailey, Barbara Crowle, Denise Helms, Jean Henssler*

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 our selves 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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn 512

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Mendon

Postlude

Allegro from Suite Gothique

L. Boëllmann

A special thank you to Jean Henssler, organist

PRAYER LIST

Pray for our church: For Justin, archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, presiding bishop, DeDe, our bishop, Glenn, our priest. Pray for our Vestry.

For Parishes in our Diocese: we pray for the people of the Church of the St. Lawrence in Alexandria Bay and their priest, the Rev. Lisa Busby and the people of the United Ministry of Aurora and their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Barb Blom.

For our Companion Diocese of El Salvador: we pray for the people of San Pedro y San Pablo in Cuilapa, Ahuachapán, and their priest, the Rev. Juan Pablo Alvarado.

The Episcopal Church: we pray for the people of the Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe.

In the Anglican Communion: we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Australia and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Geoffrey Smith.

Pray for those with special needs: Sandra Michael, Mary Lou Faust, Nancy Campbell, Michelle, Jeremy & Kristen, Kathy and Chucky, Lawrence, Milton Fortner, Nelson Pereira, Michelle Dean, Carol Vanuga, Diane Robinson, Marcy Keeler, Mason, John Pille, Nancy Pille, Dorothy, Marilyn, Yvette Bennett, Sharon Kaiser, Drieux, Sean, Dawn Roessing, Heather, Branden, Brandy, Monty, Ivan, Martha Bennett, Nigel, Stephen and Jeff and Nicole.

Pray for those with continuing needs: Shawn Kaiser, Jessica, Nancy Pille, Jon Walz Koeppel and Heavenly.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Nancy Campbell, Diane Robinson, Kalima Bronson and Ann Truesdell.

Pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week: Nicole and Paul Huff, David and Amy Palmer and Chris Brown and Lori- Bass Brown.

Pray for members, loved ones, and their families in the military: Kurt Albaugh, Laura & Nick Carter, Darlene Croston, Colin Davis, Wendy Finley, David Komar, Joshua Loch, Marshall Cohen, Ben Sherwood Evans and Seth Thomas.

Pray for those who have died: Bernice Georges, Dorothy Hatounian, Conrad and Virginia Klee, Constance K. Foulkes and Thomas B. Evans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE STREAM: *Sunday September 4, 2022 at 10 a.m.*

YouTube: bit.ly/trinitybinghamton

Calendar

- Sunday, September 4 8:30 am Morning Prayer
- Sunday, September 4 10:00am Morning Prayer
- Sunday, September 4 11:30am Canteen Lunch- Gym Doors
- Tuesday, September 6 1:00pm Shakespeare Club
- Wednesday, September 7 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 8 6:00pm Daughters of the Eastern Star
- Saturday, September 10 9:00am Starting from the Bottom NA

Worship Ministries

<i>September 4, 2022</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ginny Hill, Debbie Parmelee, Sally Akel
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Scone
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Bill Palmer
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Bill Palmer, Phyllis Amenda, John Chaffee, Darlene Croston, Phil Evans
<i>Lector</i>	Connie Alexander
<i>Ushers</i>	Pat Creagh, Wilma Betcher
<i>Digital Minister</i>	Bob Kuzia

Last Week's Outreach

St. Mark's prepared 72 meals and we distributed 72 at the door.

Canteen Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cooking</i>	<i>Site Manager</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>P/U</i>
<i>September 4, 2022</i>	Trinity Memorial	S. Crowle	B. Crowle	N/A

Thoughts on the Gospel lesson from Fr. Glenn

Do you think people who join political movements consider what it might cost them if they participate? They could lose their job or have parents or other family members who don't agree with their decision, they could get caught up in something beyond their control and get arrested, or they could even get killed like the Kent State demonstration so long ago.

In the Gospel this morning Jesus is talking to the crowd of people who are following him on his journey. Some followed him because they have found healing, others followed because they have been fed along the way, still others because they were captivated by his message or his charisma. Jesus wanted them to *consider what it could cost them if they choose to follow him. They could find themselves in opposition to their family and out of step with their whole society. They could end up on a cross themselves! Jesus' message is clear: Don't be naïve! Consider what it might cost you to be my disciple!* Many early Christians lost their lives because they chose to follow Jesus.

The letter of Philemon is a **practical application of this**. In this letter Paul is seeking to have *Onesimus* (a slave who is owned by Philemon and has been assisting Paul during his imprisonment) treated no longer as a slave but as an equal when he returns to Philemon's house. Paul wants Philemon to welcome Onesimus back "*no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.*"

This illustrates some of the problems the early church had to deal with. What happens to slaves of Christians, especially when the slaves too become Christian!? Are the slaves freed? Are they considered equals in the Christian community gatherings? **This whole idea of treated slaves like equals was considered a very dangerous thing to Roman society and dangerous to the stability of the Empire.**

'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.' Jesus' does not use the word "hate" here in the sense of despising your family and relatives or

even detesting your life. Rather he is using the word “hate” in the sense of **“renouncing one choice in favor of another”**. Matthew has Jesus making this statement with slightly different words *“anyone who loves his father and mother more than me is not worthy of me.”* (Mt 10:37)

When I served a church in Skokie, Illinois, we had a Jewish woman who encountered Jesus and wanted to be baptized as a Christian. Her family did not agree and told her if she went through with the baptism she would be disowned. She would no longer be considered a part of the family. She had to give up her family to be a part of the Christian family.

The metaphor we read this morning from Jeremiah is precisely what this woman experienced. God, the potter, took the clay of this woman’s life and reworked it, making it into something different that it started out to be. Sometimes the clay of our lives only needs slight reworking, just a bit of an adjustment. And sometimes in life it is obvious that an old vessel needs to be reduced to its base material and remade into a vessel the potter truly intends it to be. This doesn’t happen overnight; it is a lifelong process.

Dr. Mitzi Smith, Professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga gives a different insight into this teaching, she states: **“Jesus understands that there are consequences associated with following Jesus, with conducting one’s life in the way that Jesus does.”** She goes on to say: “I propose that Jesus does not refer to a hate toward family members in the sense of an absence of love. Perhaps what Jesus means by hating family is to refuse to live by narrow, exclusive ideas of family when it comes to meeting human needs and contributing to the wholeness of all human beings.” She goes on to say: ***‘If one accepts a narrow view of family and values life more than the justice and love of God, one will not take risks for the most vulnerable in society; one will not privilege the justice and love of God above social position, wealth, celebrity, and applause.’***